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MORE FIGHTING.

ANOTHER BRITISH OFFICER KILLED.

OFFICIAL DESPATCH.

COMPLETE LIST OF CASUALTIES TO DATE

The India Office received yesterday a despatch with reference to an attack made on Friday by Gen. Willcocks's force on a strong position of the Zakka Khels. The position was gallantly carried, and fortunately with very little loss. Only one British officer was killed and a few Sepoys were wounded. The officer in question was Maj. Forbes-Sempill, of the Seaforth Highlanders. Maj. the Hon. D. Forbes-Sempill, who was a brother of the present Lord Sempill, served in the Hazara Expedition in 1891, obtaining the medal and clasp. He served also with the Chitral Relief Force in 1895, again gaining medal and clasp. He served in the South African war with the Kimberley Relief Force, and was present in engagements at Magersfontein, the actions at Paardeburg, Poplar Grove, and Driefontein. He was three times mentioned in despatches, and was awarded the D.S.O.

Official Message.

Gen. Willcocks reports the following casualties sustained on Feb. 21, when he attacked the enemy's position at Halwai:

Maj. the Hon. Douglas Forbes-Sempill, D.S.O., Seaforth Highlanders, killed.

Two Indian non-commissioned officers and eight Sepoys wounded.

All the wounded doing well.

Gen. Willcocks adds: "In Maj. Forbes-Sempill the Service has lost one of its best officers, who was killed while gallantly leading one of his Majesty's finest battalions."

LIEUT. IAN MACFADYEN.
[Photo, Illustrations Bureau.

The Fighting Described.

Calcutta, Saturday.—Yesterday Maj.-gen. Sir Jas. Willcocks attacked Halwai seven miles from China. The force advanced in two columns under Brigadier-gens. Anderson and Barrett. The enemy in considerable strength was posted behind the strong sangars on high hills. Brigadier-gen. Barrett made a frontal attack, and seized the hills which were occupied by the 28th Punjabis. The Seaforth Highlanders and the Khyber Rifles were then sent along the Bazar Valley, the 54th Sikhs moving in support. Brigadier-gen. Anderson moved up the valley of the Walai stream to the north of the China ridge, and debouched over the Kotal, delivering a flank attack at the same time. The position was carried without a check whilst the towers below were destroyed. On the troops leaving, the enemy, who were strongly reinforced from Thaltai, clung to the rear and flanks, but made no impression. The retirement, which was well carried out, particularly by the Seaforths, the 53rd Sikhs and the 59th Sindh Rifles, was covered by the Derajat mountain. Major the Hon. D. Forbes-Sempill, D.S.O., of the Seaforth Highlanders, was killed, and 10 native soldiers were wounded. Maj.-gen. Willcocks attributes the smallness of the loss to the fact that the tactics of mountain warfare now form part of the peace training of the troops. The troops are in excellent health, and the wounded are all doing well.—Reuter.

The Casualty List.

The following is a complete list of the casualties among British troops which had been reported to the Government of India up to Feb. 20, inclusive. At Walai Marali, Mountain Division, No. 3 Battery Royal Garrison Artillery, 2234, Gunner Harry Salter, dangerously wounded in chest, Feb. 16.

F Company Seaforth Highlanders, 1st Battalion, 9044, Pte. Robt. Fordyce, killed at China in Bazar, February, 19.

Lieut. I. C. Macfadyen, attached Seaforth Highlanders, dangerously wounded in abdomen, and died of wounds on February 19.

Mountain Division, No. 3 Battery Royal Garrison Artillery, Lieut. J. F. King, slight gun-shot wound in foot.

Lieut. P. A. F. W. à'Becket, slight gun-shot wound in left hand.

11002 Sergt. F. Pounds, severe gun-shot wound in left ankle.

5954 Gunner T. Simpson, slight gun-shot wound in left hand.

33589 Gunner E. Mitchell (or Mitchell More), slight gunshot wound in right hand.

Seaforth Highlanders, 9274 Pte. J. Lethen, severe gunshot wound in left forearm.

Another Officer Wounded.

The following casualty is reported in a telegram received from the Viceroy to-day: Capt. Robert Markham Carter, Indian Medical Service, 36th Jacob's Horse, slightly wounded in the left arm on February 20 at Chora.

Lieut. Macfadyen.

Lieut. Ian Campbell Macfayden had not completed his twentieth year, having been born March 22, 1888. His first commission, and appointment to the Indian Unattached List, were dated only six months ago, on Aug. 17, 1907. The Seaforth Highlanders, to which he was attached, moved from Nowshera for the present campaign. The deceased officer was a son of Mr. John Macfadyen, late of Calcutta. The first man to be killed in the British force was Pte. Robert Fordyce, of the Seaforth Highlanders, who was killed in the sniping that took place after Gen. Sir James Willcocks' column camped at Walai.

THE PREMIER

MAKING ONLY SLOW PROGRESS TOWARDS RECOVERY.

To the regret of his many friends, Sir H. Campbell-Bannerman is making but slow progress towards recovery. The bulletin issued by Dr. Burnet yesterday stated: "The Premier's condition remains much about the same." It is pointed out that any patient of the age of the Premier would experience much difficulty in throwing off a sharp attack of influenza, and, moreover, the general state of Sir Henry's health previous to his present illness was far from satisfactory. Rumours of his early resignation and the probability of Mr. Asquith succeeding him as Premier continue to be prevalent.

MISS BOTHA MARRIED.

LORD CHANCELLOR SIGNS THE REGISTER.

Yesterday, Miss Marie Mauduna Botha, the sister of Gen. Botha, Premier of the Transvaal, was married to Mr. Robert Crawford Hawkin, the secretary of the Eighty Club, at the Dutch Church in Austin Friars. Two Thousand invitations were issued, and every seat in the building was occupied; while almost as many more were unable to obtain admission. The attendance included the Lord Chancellor, the Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress, the Sheriffs, Mr. Asquith, Earl Carrington, Lord and Lady Courtenay, Lord Coleridge, the Dutch Consul-General (Mr. Stoop), the president of the Dutch Club, and many others. The bride entered the church on the arm of Sir Richard Solomon, Agent-General for the Transvaal, who gave her away. She looked charming in a gown of plain white satin with a tulle veil over a spray of orange blossoms fastened in her hair. Behind her came the three bridesmaids, Miss Adelaide Hawkin, Miss Carol May, and Miss Enid May, all of whom were wearing Empire dresses of white cloth with Irish crochet lace trimmings. The Rev. Edward Hawkin, father of the bridegroom, officiated, assisted by the Rev. S. Baart de la Faille, pastor of the Dutch Church, and Dr. John Clifford. Mr. E. J. Boyle was the best man.

UNION BETWEEN PEOPLES.

The hymns used were "The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want," "Now praise we all our God," and "O, Father all creating." After an address by Dr. Clifford, in which he referred to the marriage as a union not only between the parties, but between the two peoples to whom they belonged, the Benediction was pronounced, and the familiar presentation of a Bible to the bride was made. Among those who appended their names to the register were the Lord Chancellor, who is president of the Eighty Club, the Lord Mayor, and Mr. Asquith. The organist, Mr. R. Loman, played Mendelssohn's Wedding March as Mr. and Mrs. Hawkin left the church. There was no reception. The honeymoon is being spent at Gedding Hall, a fine mansion near Bury St. Edmunds. Some 300 presents were received, the senders including the Premier, the Lord Chancellor, Lord and Lady Brassey, Sir Edward and Lady Solomon, and Lord and Lady Selborne.

WORKING MEN HOUSE OWNERS.

Mr. Johnson has given notice of a motion to be made at a meeting of the London County Council to refer to the Housing of the Working Classes and Finance Committees for consideration and report the question of the steps which it would be necessary to take for the Council to introduce some scheme to enable working men to buy their own houses on easy terms.

STOP PRESS.

THE U.S. AND JAPAN.

THE OPEN DOOR IN MANCHURIA.

Washington, Saturday.—It is stated positively at the State Department that no official reports of [illegible] from any source have been received regarding Japan's commercial aggressiveness in Manchuria, and from the nature of the situation none is expected. It is also asserted that the American Government has no intention of addressing Japan or any other of the Powers on the subject, either now or when the fleet reaches its destination. In this connection it is explained that the open door policy in the Orient, while it was initiated by this Government, was rather an enunciation of principle to guide America's own course, than a doctrine to be arbitrarily applied to [illegible] in the Orient.—Reuter.

WARSHIPS VISIT SICILY.

Syracuse, Saturday.—H.M. battleships Queen (flagship), Implacable, Formidable, Glory, and Barfleur and several destroyers, commanded by Admiral Sir C. Drury, Commander-in-Chief in the Mediterranean, have arrived at Augusta and will stay six days. H.M. cruiser Cumberland (training-ship) with 50 cadets on board has arrived here. She will remain until March 4.—Reuter.

THE CAPTAIN OF KOEPENICK.

Berlin, Saturday.—There is no truth in the report that the man Voigt, the "Captain of Koepenick," has been released. He has sent in a request for a reprieve, and is at present in the Tegel prison infirmary, suffering from pneumonia.—Reuter.

ANTI-MILITARISM IN FRANCE.

Paris, Saturday.—The Assize Court of the Seine has acquitted 12 antimilitarists who were charged with sticking up placards relating to the disturbances at Narbonne.—Reuter.

SELF-DENIAL WEEK.

SUFFERING FOR THE SUFFRAGE.

MUCH GRIST TO THE MILL.

The week of self-denial arranged by the Women's Social and Political Union with the object of raising £1,000 in aid of the funds of that organisation, came to a close yesterday, but the result of the effort is not to be made known until March 19, at a suffragist demonstration in the Albert Hall. It will not be possible indeed to arrive at the exact amount much earlier than the date named, but on inquiry at the offices of the Union yesterday elicited that no doubt was entertained that the receipts would reach four figures. The movement, it was stated, had been thoroughly successful, not only in London, but also in the large towns of the provinces, such as Manchester, Leeds and Nottingham.

Concerts in Squares.

Although the weather may not have adversely affected the street collections, it has undoubtedly restricted the scope of the effort in several directions. Thus it became impossible for those ladies who had intended adorning the pavements with chalk drawings to display their artistic skill for the gratification of the public and the benefit of the union. Again, the ladies who set out to give little vocal and instrumental concerts in the squares of Bloomsbury and the West End were obliged to give up sooner than they would otherwise have done.

Schoolgirl's Self-denial.

Instances of self-denial of a more or less rigorous kind are plentiful. A school-girl, for instance, has been walking to and from school daily in order to save the pence allowed her for omnibus fares, and add the amount to the fund. Offerings from "the faithful" continue to reach the office of the union in Clement's Inn every day. Among the more recent of these gifts are a silver entree dish, a Dresden China bowl, jewellery and enamelled articles, and a hearthrug made by a working woman. The darning of stockings at threepence a pair represents another member's contribution.

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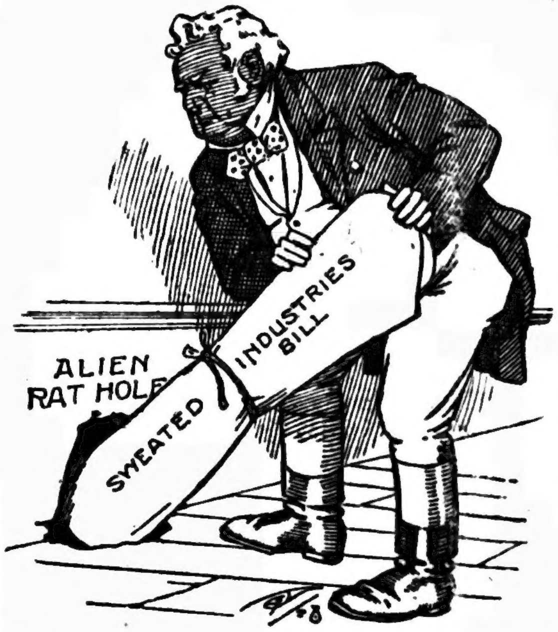

The Sweated Industries Bill, which has been read a second time in the Commons without a division, will hit the Alien sweater hard, fixing, as it does, the rates of wages to be paid for tailoring, dressmaking, and shirtmaking. It is an Act of Protection for British labour.

LABOUR CRISIS.

BOARD OF TRADE'S ACTION.

SEEKING A SOLUTION.

There is as yet no settlement of the Labour crisis. Mr. Lloyd-George is doing his best to bring about an understanding in the engineering dispute, but nothing definite is expected to be known until to-morrow.

The following statement has been issued by Mr. Lloyd-George in regard to the North-East coast shipbuilding dispute:—"I saw Sir Andrew Noble and Sir B. Browne on Thursday, in the main in reference to the engineers' dispute, and the proposal which emerged out of the conferences on Thursday of the Board of Trade at the House of Commons between myself and Sir B. Browne on the one hand, and Mr. Barnes for the engineers on the other, were submitted to the employers, who considered them. They appear to have held two meetings. The first meeting was a mixed meeting of engineering employers and shipbuilders, who considered the whole situation. Afterwards they met separately. Sir Andrew Noble sends me the decisions arrived at by the engineering employers. These consist of modified proposals, which I have now submitted to the Amalgamated Society of Engineers, and I have no doubt another conference will be held next week, I hope early next week."

Two Separate Disputes.

It should be borne in mind that the disputes which are taking place on the north-east coast simultaneously in the engineering and shipbuilding trades are entirely separate and distinct. In the shipbuilding trade the outlook for the moment is not so hopeful as in the engineering trade. Although it was decided to withdraw the lock-out notices, which were issued by the employers—this action, it is understood, being in deference to the appeal made by Sir Andrew Noble to the shipbuilders at one of the meetings on Friday—the situation, it is feared, is thereby only temporarily relieved. The Board of Trade is only officially concerned at present in the endeavour to arbitrate upon the engineering dispute.

Employers' Attitude.

The conference between the shipbuilding employers and the representatives of the trades on strike on the north-east coast, held at Newcastle on Friday, resulted in the employers passing the following resolution:—"That, in view of the fact that the trades concerned have intimated that they withdraw all their previous offers, and have asked for a counter-proposal from the employers, we intimate to the deputation that our counter-proposal is that in future in the north-east coast associated shipyards the trades now on strike will be paid the same rates and work under the same conditions as on the Clyde." This means that the reduction demanded is practically doubled, making it 3s. instead of 1s. 6d., and that the working hours are increased for the winter months. The men's representatives rejected the proposal.

Notices Withdrawn.

In addition to the foregoing resolution, the employers issued this notice:—"That, in view of the existing distress through the depression in shipbuilding, the employers will continue to employ men of the trades with which they have no dispute as circumstances will permit." In other words, the lock-out notices directed against the men who have accepted reduced terms are withdrawn, and they will have what work is available for them. Notices to this effect were posted in the Tyne shipyards yesterday morning. The boilermakers intend to continue at work as usual, as well as the labourers, thus taking advantage of the lock-out notices being withdrawn by the employers.

Thousands Idle.

It is stated that there are now at Newcastle 18,000 men on strike, 10,000 being engineers, and the remainder employed in the shipbuilding or ship-repairing trades. The other shipyard trades, including the boilermakers, announced yesterday morning their determination to remain at work.

No Common Ground.

The executive committee of the Amalgamated Society of Engineers considered for an hour yesterday afternoon the proposals contained in the draft letter from the employers. At the conclusion of the conference Mr. G. N. Barnes, M.P., made the following statement:—"Discussed the proposals with Mr. Lloyd-George, and they have been considered very fully by my committee. Many suggestions which might form the basis of a settlement have been put forward during the last five days, we starting from one end and the employers from another. So far, however, we have reached no common agreement." Mr. Barnes added that it was impossible at this juncture to make any statement which could be considered of a reassuring character. He expects that Sir Andrew Noble will come to London again to-morrow, and then he will meet him in conference with the President of the Board of Trade, when the decisions and suggestions arrived at by the employers' proposals will again be brought forward. So far no prospect of a settlement is in sight.

THE PRESIDENT OF THE R.A.

Sir E. Poynter, president of the Royal Academy, has undergone an operation to one of his eyes, and is laid up in consequence. Last night he was reported to be making good progress.

SIR LAWSON WALTON'S WILL.

Sir Lawson Walton, the late Attorney-General, left estate of the gross value of £56,949. He bequeathed £500 to his father, then president of the Wesleyan Conference, in satisfaction of any claims against him, and he left all his other property to his wife Joanna (only daughter of Mr. Robert Hedderwick, of Glasgow) absolutely.

£400 JEWEL ROBBERY.

The metropolitan police are on the look out for a well-dressed man who entered the jeweller's shop of Mr. Wm. Read, 15, Royal-parade, London-rd., Croydon, and said he wanted to buy a ring, producing one for size. While the shopman turned his back to measure it the man decamped with a tray of jewellery valued at £400. The police were at once apprised, but the thief had escaped.

Lord Airedale, who recently underwent a severe surgical operation, is making satisfactory progress.

CLIFF MYSTERY.

A BOURNEMOUTH SENSATION.

WOMAN'S BODY FOUND.

TWO HANDKERCHIEFS WEDGED IN HER MOUTH.

FOUL PLAY SUSPECTED.

AN EX-SOLDIER DETAINED BY THE POLICE.

A seaside mystery, recalling in many respects the Yarmouth beach tragedy of a few years ago, has occurred near Bournemouth.

The body of Miss Emma Sherriff, a dressmaker, hailing from Plymouth, has been discovered under circumstances which point to murder.

Two handkerchiefs were found tightly wedged in her mouth, while a bluish finger-mark was to be seen on the side of her throat. When discovered Miss Sherriff had been dead several hours.

In connection with the mystery the London police yesterday detained a Westminster man and he was taken to Bournemouth. The inquest on Miss Sherriff was opened last night and adjourned.

THE DISCOVERY.

The body of Miss Emma Sherriff, the victim of what at the moment looks like a brutal murder, was discovered purely by accident. At mid-day on Friday a local schoolmaster and his boys were walking along a deserted part of the coast between Southbourne and Warren Head, five miles east of Bournemouth, on the way to Christchurch, when they came across the body of a woman. She had been dead for some hours, many hours probably. She was lying face downwards a few paces away from the cliff footpath between two grass-covered dunes, and she would not have been seen at all had not one of the boys climbed over the knoll and so made the discovery. The master at once hurried to the coastguard station and reported what had been found. The coastguards immediately informed the police, and kept watch by the body until some responsible official arrived.

MISS EMMA SHERRIFF.
[Photo, Stanford, Boscombe.

The Body Identified.

A brief examination was then made of the woman's body, and it was afterwards removed to the Bournemouth mortuary. Identity followed speedily, and the woman was found to be

Miss Emma Sherriff, aged 35, and living at Tower House, Tower-rd., Boscombe, a suburb of Bournemouth.

The first idea of the police was that she had committed suicide, for there were apparently no marks of violence anywhere about her. But neither were there any signs of suicide. Two handkerchiefs were found wedged into her mouth, one being forced back into the throat. A further examination disclosed a bluish finger-mark on the side of Miss Sherriff's throat. Her tongue was also swollen.

Hidden Between Hillocks.

The lonely cliff path and the immediate vicinity were very carefully searched for clues, and they have already disclosed one fact, namely, that on the night Miss Sherriff died she was not alone, but undoubtedly in the company of a man. Apparently the woman had been carried to the spot where her body was found, and hidden hurriedly between the hillocks, where there was just enough rough rank grass to conceal it from the eyes of the people passing along the path. This path, by the way, is a quite unfrequented one, and is rarely used by anybody beyond the coastguard, none of whom can call to mind any untoward happening on Tuesday evening, which was undoubtedly the evening of the murder.

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JEALOUS HUSBAND

ACCUSES WIFE OF MISCONDUCT.

AN EXCITING STRUGGLE.

Appearing in the dock at West London yesterday with a tube in his throat, which rendered articulation difficult, was Wm. Allan, 40, an engine-driver, charged before Mr. Lane, K.C., with attempting to murder his wife, Susan Allan, by cutting her throat with a razor, and with attempting to commit suicide by cutting his own throat. Accused had been in West London Hospital since Dec. 1, and it was thought likely at one time that he would succumb to his injuries. The wife, who gave her present address as 4, Lyddon-rd., Earlsfield, Wandsworth, had the appearance of a comely, pleasant-natured woman. She stated that on Dec. 1 they were living at 106a, Broughton-road, Wandsworth Bridge-rd., Fulham. On the previous night—Saturday night—she and her husband had been quarrelling.—Magistrate: What about?—Witness: He woke me up in the night and accused me of misconducting myself with another man.—Magistrate: Had you ever given him cause to suspect you?—Witness: No, sir.—Continuing, Mrs. Allan stated that her husband got up as if to go to work, and then came back to the bed-room again. At last—when it was nearly nine o'clock—she said she would leave him, and she dressed and went downstairs, meaning to go out of the house. He followed her downstairs, and when he saw she was determined to go out he took a razor from his pocket. They struggled together at the door, and

He Cut Her Neck.

she screamed, and a Mr. Farmer came up, and she found she was bleeding. Her husband and Mr. Farmer had a struggle, and she got up from the floor and ran out to the gate. Her husband caught hold of her again, and cut her, and she fell down by the gate. She did not know what happened afterwards.—Asked by the magistrate if he had any questions to put to his wife, prisoner said to her: "Why didn't you give me a straightforward answer when I asked you about the clothes?"—Witness: You wanted me to go down on my knees and beg for forgiveness.—Prisoner: I did not. I did not. She said she would leave me and the children. I said I would forgive her if she had done anything wrong so long as she didn't leave me and the children.—Witness: I have been married 12 years, and I didn't think I ought to be accused of such a thing.—Prisoner: It was a heart-break to me to think that she was going wrong and going to leave me and the children.—Geo. Farmer, a labourer, living at 104, Broughton-rd., said he heard Mrs. Allan screaming on the Sunday morning, and he ran out of his house two doors away. He saw prisoner standing outside the house. He was alone, and he had a "wild, wild look." Witness and another man named Cook gave evidence as to accused cutting his wife's throat, and stating that the razor was only obtained from him after a struggle.

Prisoner's Written Statement.

—P.S. Mason deposed to being called to the spot, and finding the husband and wife with throats cut. As accused was being taken to the doctor's he signalled to witness that he wanted paper and pencil. Witness handed him his rough note-book and a pencil, and prisoner wrote the following statement:—

This is the case. My wife has been unfaithful to me for a long time. Try and get me all right so that I may give full particulars of the affair.—W. Allan.

—On the application of Insp. Kneil accused was remanded for the attendance of the doctor. He was taken to Brixton Gaol in a cab.

FORECASTS OF THE WEATHER

FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING MIDNIGHT (SUNDAY).

0. SCOTLAND, N. 1. SCOTLAND, E. 2. ENGLAND, N.E.	North-westerly gales and strong winds, moderating later; cold, squally, some snow or sleet showers.
3. ENGLAND, E. 4. MIDLAND COUNTIES 5. ENGLAND, S. (London & Channel)	Westerly to north-westerly gales and strong winds, moderating later; squally, some showers, hail or sleet in places. Colder.
6. SCOTLAND, W. 7. ENGLAND, N.W. and N. Wales	Same as Nos. 0 to 2.
8. ENGLAND, S.W. and S. Wales	North-westerly winds, strong; squally, some showers, hail or sleet in places. Colder.
9. IRELAND, N.	Same as No. 8.
10. IRELAND, S.	Same as No. 8.

SUN {Rises 7. 2a.m. Sets 5.[illegible]p.m. MOON {Rises mrn. Sets 9.37 a.m.
Lighting-up time for vehicles, 6.26 p.m.

TIDE TABLE FOR THE WEEK.

	LONDON. mrn.	aft.	LIV'RP'L mrn.	aft.	BRISTOL. mrn.	aft.	HULL. mrn.	aft.
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M	6 3	6 25	3 20	3 42	11 21	11 41	10 24	10 47
Tu	6 48	7 14	4 7	4 36		0 4	11 17	11 38
W	7 41	8 13	5 10	5 51	0 32	1 0		0 7
Th	8 52	9 37	6 38	7 24	1 47	2 33	0 44	1 33
F	10 23	11 6	8 7	8 46	3 20	4 6	2 27	3 17
S	11 47	[illegible]	9 21	9 51	4 49	5 25	3 59	4 39

CIGARETTE PAPERS

FOR AFTER-DINNER SMOKING.

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The Hildenborough Players.

The Drill Hall at Hildenborough was crowded with the elite of the neighbourhood during several nights this week, when the rustic "village players" gave their sixth season. "Enemies" is the title of the piece, and it is written by John Johnson and Dagney Major. The plot deals with an incident founded on the threatened invasion of Napoleon in 1801. From a weary critic's point of view the most enjoyable part of the evening was the walk from the station to the hall, something under a mile. It was a delightful change from the rush and roar of London Bridge to find oneself on a lonely path leading through plantations of oak and beech, a wind of the spring making music in the bare branches, and the moon turning the wet road into a silver highway. This pretty Kentish hamlet boasts a pure, invigorating air, and when the pedestrian arrives at his destination he is prepared to deal enthusiastically and generously with the rustic players, if only they will give him the chance. Unfortunately they don't. The chief, and almost the only, point in favour of the actors is that they can be heard; but they cannot wear their clothes, they have no carriage, no enthusiasm—or, having enthusiasm, they do not manage to convey it across the footlights. From first to last they are feeble and unconvincing—even for rustic players. Had the members of the small company served a term in the Army the chances are that they would have worn their picturesque Georgian costumes to better advantage. The scenery, which was painted and arranged by Mr. John Johnson, is excellent, the cottage interior overlooking the sea on the Kentish coast quite artistic in its simple design. If every village had its theatre, and part or all of the money paid for seats was devoted to giving the players a little instruction in the art of acting, speaking, and deportment, it is possible that in time a useful and delightful end might be served. Life is very grey in country villages, and a play well acted by "local talent" would give pleasure to many, and would also help to refine and educate both actors and audiences. Art is a big word; it may be explained in many ways. Perhaps Tolstoy's definition is one of the easiest to grasp: "Art is a means of union among men, joining them together in the same feelings, and indispensable for the life and progress towards the well-being of individuals and of humanity."

Brighton Herself Again.

King Edward's visit to Brighton has restored to the charming pleasure resort something of its past fascination and gaiety. Time was when in the winter half the peerage was represented among the crowd that oscillated to and fro, in splendid equipages between the extreme points of the drive by the sea. Three miles of carriages, and three miles of handsome shops, houses, and hotels presented a picture of life and wealth rarely seen at a watering place out of England. Brighton in those days was London-by-the-Sea, King's Road, along the shore of the British Channel, was Regent Street, with the sea dashing up to the roadway. Of late years the prosperity of the town as a fashionable resort has slowly but surely waned; the show of magnificent horses and carriages on the front was no more to be seen; it is, therefore, pleasant to know that Brighton is herself again, that fashionable and wealthy people are there, enjoying the bracing air and sunshine, and that the town is alive with visitors.

Small Beginnings.

A century and a half ago Brighton, or, as it was then called, Bright-Helmston, was a little fishing village, upon which the sea was constantly encroaching. Surveyed by engineers it was found that the cost of making an embankment to protect the land from the ravages of the ocean would be too expensive for the Government. The banks were, however, improved bit by bit, and in 1753 the fashionable world began to hear the first words about "Brighton air" and "Brighton water." Dr. Russell, who was known in fashionable London circles, went to live there. He tried the effect of sea bathing and the local waters, and praised them. He ordered the patients to follow his example. The Duke and Duchess of Marlborough acted upon his advice. They were followed by the Northumberland and other aristocratic families. Where the shining lights of society became fixed stars their satellities soon began to twinkle. Brighton grew apace. George, Prince of Wales, afterwards George IV., selected a site there for a new Royal residence. London and other great centres began to find the place attractive, and at the beginning of the last century there were lodging-houses and hotels enough to accommodate 500 visitors.

A Magnificent Monstrosity.

Brighton's architecture is a curious mixture of the Classic and the Gothic, and throwing into the picture the domes and minarets of the Pavilion, we get a touch of the Moorish, Chinese, and Egyptian. The Pavilion was formerly a Royal residence. Designed by the great architect Nash, it was built under the superintendence of George IV. when he was Prince of Wales. If Nash had invented the building from a description in the "Arabian Nights," he could hardly have realised more completely an Eastern palace of the imagination. It is a mixture of Moorish, Hindoo, Chinese, and Egyptian, and might have been built for the Great Mogul. In 1850 there was joy in Brighton, for this magnificent monstrosity was purchased from the Crown by the local authorities, and since that time it has been used for all kinds of public purposes. It contains concert rooms, libraries, ball rooms, banqueting halls, a skating rink, and a particularly fine music room. The history of the city by the sea is full of the politics of a period that Englishmen look upon with a sense of shame and humiliation. If you want to work up an outside interest in Brighton, an interest that especially links it with the story of American Independence, take up the "Four Georges," and read Thackeray's scathing lecture on the last of them, then you will learn something of George's hideous career at Brighton, of which he says: "You may see the place now for sixpence, they have fiddlers every day, and sometimes buffoons and mountebanks hire the Riding House, and do their tricks and tumbling there. The trees are still there, and the gravel walks round which the poor old sinner was trotted."

The "Deadhead."

I hold a brief for the "deadhead," and am proud of my client. The charge against him is that he has on several occasions been discovered in the reserved seats of the theatre without having previously paid his fare. Such conduct, it is argued by his accusers, is calculated to bring the British drama perilously near the portals of the Bankruptcy Court; and it is further alleged against him that he frequently adds insult to injury by expressing dissatisfaction—i.e., not expressing satisfaction with the play he has witnessed free of charge. The accusation is a grave one—much graver than the offence, as I shall presently show. But graver by far than the charge is the conduct of those who prefer it. It is suggested by the Prosecution that the offence of the accused should be turned by common consent into an article of purchase. They say to the "deadhead," in so many words (oh, "so" many words!), "We do not propose to take the straightforward and fair course of ceasing to encourage you in your evil behaviour, which we could easily do by closing our doors against you; we simply want you in future to pay a small fee to our Benevolent Fund for every offence you commit. All we ask is that we make a decent profit for our charities out of your very questionable conduct. Say you will consent to this eminently delectable and respectable compromise, and we will have much pleasure in instructing our counsel to gather up their papers and go home."

His Offence.

What is the precise nature of the deadhead's offence? To be uncomfortably exact, his offence is, from the point of view of the paying public, that he aids and abets those gentlemen who are desirous of fining him in a conspiracy to obtain a favourable verdict for an unworthy play. The fact is, my client, the deadhead, is welcome when he is necessary, and unwelcome when he is not. Some one has written to the newspapers suggesting that the British drama should make use of the deadhead. Make use of him! Ye gods!—and ye stalls! Hasn't the British Drama been making use of him from time immemorial? And doesn't the British Drama just know it? I should like to know what the British Drama would do without its deadhead on the second night of a new play. I should like to know how it would fill its stalls and dress-circle upon that cold and spiritless occasion if the deadhead went on strike. The theatrical manager worth his salt knows perfectly well that if, during the early days of a new piece of no very great account, he does not impart an air of prosperity to the house, the piece will stand no chance of "picking up." And he also knows that the only way to suggest this air of prosperity is to "dress the house" with my much-used and much-abused client, the deadhead. If the play is an "instantaneous success," or "another triumph," or "the talk of the town," the deadhead is not wanted, and the managers discuss him as a nuisance and a grave danger, and consider whether or not they ought to turn the good-natured ass into an asset. How often have I heard the deadhead say, "So-and-so has sent us a couple of stalls for ——. I suppose it's a rotten show, but we must try and use them, or get them used. Poor old So-and-So!" That, gentlemen of the jury, is the deadhead's offence! And here endeth his defence.

Cigarettes and Philately.

Good luck to Mr. H. Samuel and his Children's Bill. It has passed its first reading amid cheers. It should pass its third reading amid the wildest enthusiasm. "The third part of the bill deals with a growing evil most deleterious to child-life, and for which public opinion now almost universally demands a remedy—the evil of juvenile smoking." Quite so, Mr. Samuel, and very good. But a word for that neglected parent who is supposed to have encouraged the infant smoker in his injurious naughtiness by adopting towards it an attitude of unruffled tranquillity. I do happen to know of a parent—his name is not of sufficient consequence to deserve the unlimited publicity of these columns—who for the past two or three years has been trying very hard indeed to stop the growth of a habit which in its turn has been stopping the growth of his infant sons. But the forces against him were subtle, insidious, evasive, and for a long time unconquerable. He thought he was tackling but one enemy, but he was tackling two. He fancied he had to reckon only with his boys' craving for cigarettes, but he discovered one day that to the strength of this craving had been added the unquenchable fever for the collection of foreign stamps—not an evil in itself, to be sure, but an unquestionable danger to child-life when connected with a scheme for increasing the sale of cigarettes among school boys! Well, to come to the blunt point bluntly, his sons had been tempted into excessive smoking by a manufacturer of cigarettes who was giving them foreign stamps in every packet, together with coupons which should entitle them, when collected to a sufficient number, to a handsome stamp album.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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LEGAL QUERIES.

[Original documents are not to be sent on any account. We cannot be responsible for them or undertake to return them, even if stamps are enclosed. We do not hold ourselves responsible for the answers, although they are by a legal expert. He does not undertake to construe the rules of friendly societies, nor to answer questions on foreign law. It is not always possible to answer all during the current week. Repeated questions on the same subject must be accompanied with a copy of the previous question and our answer.]

PATENTS.

[Having no room for information respecting the taking out of patents and collateral matters, we forward all communications to a professional agent, who answers inquirers free of charge. The envelope should be inscribed "Patent."]

NOMS-DE-PLUME.

[Correspondents should select uncommon noms-de-plume in order to avoid confusion.]

LEGAL.

MAY. No, not in England.
CARLAX. You can sue to annul the marriage.
MRS. LONG. He can sue you.
SUTHERLAND. Sue them for "an account."
JUSTICE. Yes, sue.
FUNERAL. 1. No. 2. Yes, sue for it.
[illegible]. No, you may not.
FINN. Yes, apply to the Police Court.
TIM. You had better do so, but either will do.
SUNNY. Quite legal.
[illegible]. Have them sold by public auction.
CAREFUL. 1. No. 2. Yes.
CECIL. The parents can if the clerk will take it.
LARUPER. Yes, he can.
PUZZLED (Clifton Hill). Quite good.
ROYALTY. Yes, sue her.
[illegible]. Your wife can take it if she distrains.
VICTORY. No difference.
FRITZ. Answered by post.
FISH. No, you cannot.
BILL. We should certainly apply to her.
SAM BUCK. No, you cannot.
STONEHENGE. You have no claim.
S. W. S. 1. Yes. 2. Yes.
ROMO. Yes, you are correct.
A. H. S. Wait till they summons you.
POULLE. It might cost £50 if he objected to go.
FOREST. Yes, he can sue in the County Court.
B. B. Advertise.
[illegible]. Write to the Clapham Police Station and make inquiries.
LORBERT. You might try it on, but the landlord may require you to replace the old range.
E. MILLS. Wait until the doctor sues you. Then explain the facts to the judge.
L. E. J. 1. £50 at least if it is defended. 2. By issuing a writ for slander.
OLD READER. This is a question which for obvious reasons we cannot answer.
TSOS. Probably not, if you can absolutely prove what you say, but you may have difficulty.
A. JONES. You must observe the rules, viz., send us your first question and our reply.
POP. Your question has no meaning. You have probably left out a word.
BRIGHTLINGSEA. It all depends upon what you signed. Threaten to go to the magistrates.
PENELOPE. No, you will only be a partly-secured creditor.
CONSIGNMENT. It all depends on the terms of the bill of sale.
GUTTER PIPE. The side on which the uprights are is yours.
ONLY SON. 1. Yes. 2. Half wages. 3. Consult a solicitor. 4. We cannot say.
DROUIN. Your surmise is correct. The eldest child usually does it.
LAND. The bill of sale is illegal on facts stated; five years is legal. Yes, if they get wind of it.
R. PHAYRE. You can close them up if you build on your land. Sue them also for a nuisance.
TROUBLE (London). No, you will not, and you may get into serious trouble for pawning them.
TROUBLED. 1. You are not bound to maintain her if she leaves you against your wish. 2. Yes.
METO. No, you can lend on, but not buy, freehold property.
[illegible] (Plymouth). Yes, the statute does not run when you are abroad.
VICTIMISED. 1. Yes. 2. You can sue in Wandsworth on an affidavit. 3. No.
IGNORAMUS (Suffolk). Six months, terminating at Michaelmas.
LEAK STOPPER. No, it is not, as they probably have an arbitration clause in the policy.
WIGWAN. Freehold, if any, to eldest son; all the rest divided equally.
CONTRACT. You are liable. Try and come to terms, or even offer to forfeit your deposit.
PUZZLER. Not unless you told them beforehand what you intended to do.
MABEL (Worcester). Yes, you can force the executor to sell.
20 YEARS' "PEOPLE" READER.—No, unless he has got judgment against the husband.
BLANKETS. Write to the Chief Constable of Leicester, giving all the facts.
IGNORAMUS (Chiswick). Not if you are getting full wages.
CRANBROOK. 1. Six years from the last payment. 2. Sue in the County Court.
HORNSEY. Yes, but you can recover it from the dead man's property if he left any.
AJAX.—We cannot answer this question for obvious reasons, not unconnected with libel.
ALKHAM. If the Police will not, the last sufferer should.
CRONSHAW.—You can get out on giving a week's notice.
THE DEVONSHIRE DUMPLING. — He cannot, unless she is dead.
WEST HAM. No, he cannot. He must employ a proper certificated bailiff to issue a distress.
T. SMITH. Yes, apply for the case to be dismissed.
NERO. Search the file of one of the London papers.
MRS. THOMPSON. Go to the Police Court, and the magistrate will send someone round.
VERY MUCH UPSET. You are all right. Go on receiving half pay. When it stops write us again.
BLUEBELL. Write to the Postmaster General, St. Martin's-le-Grand. He will soon put it right.
WINSTONE. — Summons them before the local justices for a nuisance.
IKEL (Muir Of Ord). Quite, if they are members of the Stock Exchange and not outside brokers.
ZUMMERZET. No, if the quarter's notice is sufficient.
NOT CERTAIN. 1. No, it will be quite in order. 2. Quite valid.
S. I. V. X. About 5½ years if conduct good. 2. Yes. 3. 1 and 2 answer No. (3).
F. V. No, sue him in the County Court yourself for money lent.
LONDON. Not [illegible] it is impossible to do so, but you can sue after one year.
K. F. D. G. Yes, you could, but be certain the transaction is worth doing. Why not sue in the County Court?
WHITSTONE. Yes, deduct the Income Tax at the current rate and let him recover it from the authorities.
VERY ANXIOUS. Yes, but to be on the safe side write to the Steward of the Manor and tell him all the facts.
CANTAB. Apply at the nearest County Court. They will show you how to do it and tell you all about it.
OLD SUBSCRIBER (Wilts). Your writing is not clear, but we think you have a claim. Is the canal company insolvent?
ORIENT. You cannot do anything. You should have inquired of the different collectors what the rates and taxes were.
RUTH. Yes, they can, as you lent the money to your husband and the license and house was presumably in his name and not yours.
VERY ANXIOUS. Write to the German Consul. He must get the consent of his parents and advertise the engagement first.
J. S. G. 1. You were entitled to your own things. 2. Threaten to put your mother into the workhouse if he will not pay his share of her keep.
A PUZZLED TRUSTEE. As there is probably a personal covenant they are liable for any deficiency.
WALTHAM. His eldest brother will take the freehold, the rest will be divided between all his brothers and sisters equally.
FREEHOLDER.—Write and ask him to cut the tree. If not, cut it back to the edge of your field without further notice.
C. A. B. 1. No question. 2. He can sue you in the County Court. 3. We should think not. 4. Don't worry.
P. P. P. You must prove the will, and the son of A. will then get his share. The "oldest son alive" cannot claim the property.
VAUXHALL. It will be under the surname of the plaintiff, or possibly under in re —— solicitors.
Write to the Secretary of the Law Society, Chancery-lane.
[illegible]. 1. Half [illegible] wages after the first [illegible]. 2. Earn what you can.
FIRAL. You ought to [illegible] a formal [illegible] of your [illegible] the whole we [illegible] your adviser [illegible].
[illegible] PREECE. You must [illegible] him the money, then [illegible].
MOONRAKER. [illegible].
A. V. BRADBOURNE. Yes, if the [illegible] passed and the husband did not [illegible].
J. [illegible]. You and [illegible] be compelled to [illegible].
S. M. W. HADLEY. [illegible] notice of [illegible] to the back [illegible].
PUZZLED. Write and complain. It all depends on how long you have [illegible] this state of things to go on.
THE [illegible] TORY. Write to the Bank of England and enclose a copy of the will stating your wishes.
A LADY READER. 1. We should take no notice of them; they are [illegible]. 2. There is no objection [illegible] is in order.
M. A. P. S. Gray's Inn is the nearest Inn. Write to Mr. [illegible], [illegible] Temple, who will give you [illegible] of all the Inns [illegible].
ULTRA. 1. [illegible] prove it. 2. Not unless [illegible]. 3. Yes. 4. We should do so. [illegible] what chance you have.
L. W. S. A. B. It all depends on the exact wording of the will. [illegible].
HIND. You are a yearly tenant at least, and they cannot turn you out till September next. Tell the Council [illegible] and they may make the landlord [illegible].
OIL. 1. Send [illegible] House with an account of what [illegible] and what is owing. 2. No. 3. [illegible] granted and divide [illegible].
FLORIE. 1. If you [illegible] have no claim on him. 2. [illegible] separation. 3. If he refuses [illegible] the magistrate and complain.
BRIGHTON. The Registrar at Somerset House started in 1837. You [illegible] get a baptismal certificate before that [illegible] in which [illegible].
[illegible]. If your father does not make a will his wife will get [illegible] and your children have the other two-thirds. [illegible] of the two-thirds.
MAY. 1. It would certainly go to the father unless the mother makes a will or gives notice to the office what she wants done. 2. The wife would get it unless the insurance company are informed and they agree to pay it to someone else.
PUZZLED JACK. 1. The marriage was quite legal. 2. Write to the secretary, G.W.R., Paddington, and he will tell you if he was on the boat. 3. You would be prosecuted, but the new marriage would be illegal if he afterwards turned up.
RUBLET. We do not think you have any claim, as it would be difficult to prove that the accident occurred "during the course of your employment." The point is, however, a novel one, and it might be worth your while to consult a solicitor.
MINIATURES M. D. We fear you have left it too late to apply for a decree of nullity. You cannot get maintenance if you leave him. You cannot apply in forma pauperis unless you know a solicitor and barrister who will take up your case for nothing. [illegible] 84, and see a solicitor. If not write to us again.
LYNX (Hurslem), LORBOL, SMALL WORKER.—No.
LINAH PERPLEXED (Kent), STAMFORD HILL, MISS GUMMY.—Yes.

MEDICAL.

O. J. PRICE. The only cure is by an operation.
ALFRED CHAMBERS. Consult an aural surgeon.
HYGIENE. We know nothing of the institution you mention.
H. M. We know of no such preparation. It is probably a private formula.
YENNOR.—You cannot do better than to continue under your present treatment.
POM POM, WILLIAM PREESE. Drugs will not help you.
GRATEFUL. It is a private formula. We do not know its contents.
SENEX. We cannot suggest any better liniment than the one you mention.
WEIMAR. Quite useless for the purpose you mention.
MOUNT PARK.—All long sea voyages are good for the disease you mention. Try it.
YOUR ANXIOUS NANCE, LUWIL.—We cannot advise you further.
JOAN A. DAME, CHATHAM, ELM ROAD.—Take local medical advice.
AWKWARD.—After washing it put it in clean cold water until wanted again for use.
CINERARIA. Try Nebuline Compound, No. 20, through an atomiser.
BONNIE MAY. Try it, certainly, it may do what you desire.
WASHINGTON D. C., KNEE (Cardiff), RIFLEMAN, DOLLY VARDEN, NERVOUS. Examination necessary before advice can be given.
D. G. Oil of sweet almonds 7 ounces, strong perfume 2 ounces. The perfume must be strong or the two layers on separating will not clear.
GERALD KNOX. The one you mention is a good one. It should be worn over the singlet and taken off at night.
FLIGHTY.—Let well alone; it will probably improve considerably with time. Drugs will not help you.
NERVOUS. The apparatus you mention is useless. Take medicine and observe directions as for F. G. C.
VERITAS, PATIENCE, GROCER B. Take 1 teaspoonful of syr. ferri quinae et strych. phosphat in 2 ounces of water three times a day after food. Avoid all stimulants. Live much in the open air.
HACKNEY, RESTLESS. Avoid all drugs, late meals, all stimulants and all excitement before retiring. Live much in the open air. Take half an hour's walk before going to bed.
WAR OF ROSES CENTURY. Apply to any of the large metropolitan lying-in hospitals. The secretary will be able to give you all the information you require.
STANLEY. Dress in flannel; live much in the open air, taking daily walking exercise; also take a good, plain, varied diet, and 1 drachm of iron wine daily after dinner.
HETTIE, IMPLORER, BEN NEVIS, JOHNSON, OLD MAGGIE.—Conform to rules in notes to correspondents, re-state your case, giving your correct name and address, distinctly written, in full.
BOB. Have the part well massaged daily and well rubbed night and morning with some of this liniment: Lin. terebinth acet. et lin. opii, of each equal parts. Take a seidlitz powder in a tumblerful of hot water twice a week.
COUGH. Take ½ ounce of this medicine in 2 ounces of water three times a day after food: Sp. ammon. co., tinct. camph. co., sodii bicarb., of each 2 drachms; aq. menth. pip. to 8 ounces. Live much in the open air.
SNAKE. Daily apply some salicylic acid collodion, taking care the collodion thoroughly saturates each, peel off the dried hard crust, and repeat process until cured. Apply the collodion by means of a camel's hair brush.
DOWN THE OHIO. Take ½ ounce of this medicine in a tumblerful of hot water each alternate morning two hours before rising: Mag. sulph. 2 ounces, mag. carb. 2 drachms, sp. ammon. co. 4 drachms, aq. menth. pip. to 8 ounces.
AN ECCLES GIRL, R. J. F. (Peel), HENRY JENKINSON. Take ½ ounce of this medicine in 2 ounces of water three times a day after food: Sp. ammon. co., tinct. rhei co., sodii bicarb., of each 2 drachms, aq. menth. pip. to 8 ounces. Live much in the open air.
GEORGE. The only cure is total abstinence. When there is a craving for alcohol take instead 1 drachm of the following medicine in 2 ounces of water: Ext. cocae liq. 2 ounces, tinct. cardamon co. 2 ounces, tinct. capsici 1 ounce, tinct. cinnamon 1 ounce.
SQUEEKS. Apply a small quantity of this lotion through a glass eye-bath two or three times a day: Acid boracic ½ drachms, rose water 10 ounces. Also apply some of this ointment each night at bed-time to the lids only: Olei rusci ½ drachm, hydrarg. ammon. chlor. 4 grains, ceri cetacei 4 drachms.
J. E. J.—Carefully syringe the ear daily with clean water at 100deg. Fahr., gently dry and blow in a small quantity of finely powdered boracic acid. Take 1 drachm of iron wine three times a day after food, and 1 drachm of cod liver oil after dinner. If not better in one week consult an aural surgeon.
BATNA, PENZANCE. Live much in the open air, take a varied diet of good quality; also take 1 drachm of this mixture in 2 ounces of water twice a day after food: Potass. iodidi 4 drachms, liq. fowleri ½ drachm, glycerini purif. 1 ounce, aqua camphorae to 4 ounces. Apply a small quantity of this ointment: Ungt. chrysarobini daily to the spots only, taking care not to touch the healthy skin.
LINSLADE (Bucks), ODDFELLOW, NERVOUS DEBILITY, BILIOUS. Avoid stimulants. Get daily walking exercise in the open air; also ½ ounce of this medicine in as much water after each meal: Mag. sulph. 1 ounce, sodii bicarb. 2 drachms, sp. ammon. co. 3 drachms, inf. rhei. 2 ounces, inf. calumbae to 8 ounces. Have the region of the liver well massaged daily. Take a Turkish bath once every two weeks.
KNARF, T. O. T. See that the finger nails are cut short and kept so, that all drinking water has been boiled before taken and all vegetables and fruits cooked before eaten. Live much in the open air; take a varied diet of good quality, also eat plenty of salt with your food. Take 1 teaspoonful of the vinum ferri twice a day after food, and a daily enema of 4 ounces of fresh tepid infusion of quassia.
F. G. C., FIREFOX DOFFIN, LOTTIE (Dover).—Take ½ ounce of this medicine in as much water before each meal: Bismuthi carb., mag. carb., sodii bicarb., of each 2 drachms, tinct. nucis vom. 1½ drachms, sp. ammon. co. 4 drachms, pulv. rhei ½ drachm, aq. menth. pip. to 10 ounces. Eat your food slowly, masticate it well; drink but little fluid with your meals, get daily walking exercise in the open air. Avoid all stimulants, tea, and tobacco.
TAPS, DORIS, CYCLIST.—Daily steam the part over boiling water, wash with hot water, using sulphur skin soap and a rough bath glove. Take ½ ounce of this medicine in a tumblerful of hot water each alternate morning on rising: Mag. sulph. 2 ounces, mag. carb. 2 drachms, liq. fowleri, ½ drachm, sp. aether nit. 4 drachms, aq. menth. pip. to 10 ounces. Live much in the open air; avoid stimulants. Have the face massaged daily.
CRESSY.—Daily sniff up the nostrils this solution: Glycerini acid carbolic, glycerini boracic, of each equal parts to ½ a drachm, clean tepid water, to 2 ounces. Avoid all stimulants and tobacco. Take ½ ounce of this medicine in a tumblerful of hot water each alternate morning on rising: Mag. sulph. 2 ounces, mag. carb. 2 drachms, sp. aether nit. 4 drachms, aq. menth. pip. to 10 ounces. Live much in the open air. Learn to breathe through the nostrils. An operation would cure you.
WESTHUKY. Have the chest well massaged daily and well rubbed night and morning with the lin. terebinth acet. Take 1 teaspoonful of this medicine when the cough is troublesome: Tinct. camph. co. 4 drachms, sp. aether nit. 3 drachms, oxymel scillae 1 ounce, glycerini purif. 1 ounce, aqua chloroformi to 4 ounces. Dress in flannel, and live as much as possible in the open air. Take a plain, varied diet of good quality.
FEBRUARY JOSEY. Take a cold water enema daily (5 ounces), walking exercise in the open air, have the abdominal region well massaged daily, a varied diet of good quality, one in which well-cooked, fresh, green vegetables enter largely, eat coarse brown bread, and take 1 drachm of this medicine in half a wineglassful of water each morning after breakfast: Ex. cascara liq., glycerini purif., of each 1 ounce. When the desired effect has been produced the medicine should be discontinued.
CHERRY LIP, BIJOUR. When washing the part use clean tepid water and coal tar soap, dry well. Apply each night a small quantity of this ointment: Hydrarg. ammon. chlor. 15 grains, liq. carbonis detergens 1 drachm, lanoline and vaseline, of each equal parts to 1 ounce. Take ½ ounce of this medicine in as much water after each meal: Sodii bicarb. 2 drachms, mag. sulph. ½ ounce, inf. rhei. 3 ounces, sp. ammon. co. 3 drachms, liq. fowleri ½ drachm, inf. calumbae to 10 ounces.
DARCY. Soak them in hot water; dry well; peel off as much of the dead, hard skin as possible; paint a broad ring of Unna's glycerine jelly round each with a stiff brush; when the jelly has firmly set the interior of the ring should be filled with a circular piece of the strongest salicylic acid plaster, salicylic acid 40, creasote 40; cover the whole with two layers of the jelly, and when quite dry put on a small pad of cotton wool; this dressing will last a week, and may be renewed from time to time until a cure is effected.
BORDON KATE. Take a tablespoonful of this medicine in as much water after each meal: Acid acetic dil. ½ drachms, tinct. gent. co. 4 drachms, aq. chloroformi to 10 ounces. Avoid all fats, milk, milk puddings, and farinaceous foods, sugar, potatoes, and all stimulants. Eat the lean of meat, brown bread toasted and well-cooked fresh green vegetables. Take a Turkish bath once a week. Drink a tumblerful of hot water each night on going to bed and each morning on rising.
MATAULA. Wash the head once in two weeks at bed-time, using warm water and coal tar soap, dry well. Daily apply to the hair and its roots some of this ointment: Hydrarg. ammon. chlor. 10 grains, liq. carbonis detergens 1 drachm, ol. petrolei, ol. ricini, of each 2 drachms, lanoline (pure) and vaseline, of each ½ ounce. Take 1 ounce of this medicine each alternate morning in a tumblerful of hot water on rising: Mag. sulph. 2 ounces, mag. carb. 2 drachms, peppermint water, to 10 ounces.
BAD NIGHTS. Dress in flannel, take a varied diet of good quality, such as meat extracts, essences, and good beef-tea, fish and poultry, etc. Also take ½ ounce of this medicine three times a day in as much water: Potass. iodidi 2 drachms, liq. fowleri ½ drachm, vin. ipecac. 4 drachms, ext. hyoscyami 3 drachms, aqua chlorof. to 10 ounces. As an aperient take one or two compound sulphur lozenges night and morning as may be necessary, avoid stimulants, take no food after 6.30 p.m.
ANNETTE, BABY N. Properly diluted good cow's milk, according to age, is the best substitute for natural feeding, gradually increasing the quantity of milk till at seven months old the child takes pure milk. All milk should be raised to 180deg. Fahr. when taken into the house to sterilise it. When given to the infant the food should always be at 98deg. Fahr. Scrupulous cleanliness in all utensils used is absolutely necessary for the health of the child. No addition of other artificial food is advisable until the child is eight or nine months old; then any of the well-known ones are useful. If possible, the mother should always nurse her child for nine months; no artificial feeding can equal this. Write to the Battersea Town Council; they will send you a card giving full particulars of the best way to feed an infant artificially.

FINANCIAL.

NOTICE.

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TAYLOR.—Stick to the Birkbeck.
NIPPER (Maidenhead).—See reply to "Cato."
D. K. (Penzance).—You would do well to average.
MOTHER (Tunbridge Wells).—It is not wise.
DICKY BIRD (Reading).—Have nothing to do with it.
RETORT (Halifax).—Do not do anything of the kind.
BLUE SEAL (Highgate).—I refer to the Chartered proposals elsewhere.
A. R. (Morecambe).—No; have nothing to do with these people.
JACK (Cheltenham).—No, I would advise nothing of the kind.
AGENT (Peckham).—Prefer the Birkbeck, which pays 2½ per cent.
DEVONIA (Kingston-on-Thames).—I do not recommend.
T. E. M. (Leytonstone).—The Temperance Permanent, Ludgate Hill, or the Birkbeck.
E. G. (Birmingham).—Hold, you will see a better price than that now ruling.
ANXIOUS (Fulham).—The price you bought at, of course, viz., 94.
BLACK CAT (Brixton).—Very fair, but there are others I prefer.
NIMROD (Dover).—Safe enough, if you buy at the right price from the right people.
HULL (Manitoba).—Reliable firm, bonds genuine enough.
NORFOLK (Rush).—Do not advise transactions with these people. My own inclination would be to pay no more.
ROVER (Chester).—You were wrong to have applied at all, but if your shares have been allotted, your certificate ought to follow shortly.
JACK (Chiswick).—Your best plan would be to write to the office you fancy and get them to quote rates.
ANXIOUS (Caister-on-Sea).—Do not see much chance for them. Better hold, in hope of a recovery.
HASTINGS (Margate).—The Prudential Company will advise you what amount is loanable on the policy.
THOR (Henfield).—There are much better investments, and you might realise if you can do so without too great a loss.
JOHANNESBURG (Brighton).—An absurd form of investment. Have nothing to do with the firm named.
ST. HELIERS (Jersey).—1. The bonds are the old French Series issued in 1888-89. They are safe and freely marketable. 2. Not for some years, it is believed.
T. T. (Bedford).—The dividend paid on the Ordinary Shares of John Oakey and Sons, Ltd., is 10 per cent. for the year. There is also a bonus of 5 per cent.
ESQUIRE.—On August 8th, 1904, New Zealand 4 per Cents. were quoted 105-107, and Natal 3½ per Cents. 97-99. Sierra Leone were not quoted that day.
FEBRUARY (Liverpool).—I have a high opinion of Champion and Slee Ordinary. After the dividend declaration the price should show material improvement.
BOOSTER.—If you have only started paying, discontinue. If you have nearly finished paying send the balance at once, and demand delivery without delay.
J. W. (Bedford).—Cannot advise as to the reliability of people who ask for money to work racing systems. I thought you meant some system of Stock Exchange speculation.
ALBUHERA (Southampton).—You would be quite safe in buying either from Messrs. Keiser and Co., 29, Threadneedle-st., E.C., or the London and Paris Exchange, E.C.
BURTON (Cirencester), CHOPPER (Staines), BOURNE (Brimscombe), J. R. (Clerkenwell), REDUCTUR (Crouch End).—There are many better societies than this.
CATO (New Cross).—The money is in the hands of the High Court, and will, I suppose, be paid out to the subscribers when all the conditions of red tape have been carefully complied with.
QUESTION (Regent's Park).—Developing and sinking are still going on, so it is too early yet to predict when dividends are likely to be paid. There is a scheme on foot to amalgamate the property with Knight's Deep.
F. E. P. O.—Yankees ought to go lower. Trunks may be sympathetically affected. Traffics also have been bad this year. All right for a long shot, but the immediate tendency will probably be lower.
PESO (Putney).—Do not buy house property in the district named. The rates are very high, 9s. 4d. in the £, and that is what makes the property look cheap. It is really dear at the price.
PUZZLED (Dorset).—1. The holder who sells ex-dividend receives the dividend, of course. The market value is always adjusted accordingly. 2. Yes, you are responsible for the dividend, if you are a bear, so that your profit would begin when the price fell below 97. 3. Wait a little longer.
POSTIE (Battersea).—You will have to hold your Missouries a very long time before they see 32 again. I see no reason to alter my frequently expressed opinion as to the general tendency of American rails, which I believe to be towards a much lower level.
NERO (Southend).—The double option or "straddle," as it is called, is only worth buying when markets are moving rapidly either way—when they are nervous, panicky, or buoyant. In deadly dull times like these you would not make money by it. In any case I do not recommend the firm you name.
ROMEO (Westminster).—All a matter of negotiation. If you are a seller you ought to try and get £50; if you are a buyer you ought to endeavour to get it for as much less as you can. These bonds are frequently advertised for sale at prices varying according to the necessities of the sellers.
PLUNGER (Exeter).—1. You evidently do not read "The People" regularly or you would have seen my notice instructing correspondents to write to Messrs. Keiser and Co., 29, Threadneedle-st., E.C. 2. I do not recommend a deposit. I cannot explain why here, but my reasons are perfectly adequate.
MEDDISTRAIL.—Impossible quite to say, but it would be unfavourably, of course. However, the £750,000 to be borrowed on prior lien bonds will, according to Sir George Gibb, easily tide the company over its difficulties, and in three years time it is expected to be in smoother waters. Worth buying for a lock-up.
SPECULATOR (Chelsea).—1. The S. A. Land and Exploration Co. Ltd. has mostly tin interests. Prospecting is still proceeding. It looks as though more cash would be required to carry on work. Speculative, but I should hold. 2. The New De Kaap Co. was ordered to be wound up last June. Liquidator, N. Ogle, Worcester House, Walbrook, E.C. The Ulundi property is, I hear, being developed, but not much is known about it. 3. I am afraid not.
H. H. (Leeds). 1. The price has not fallen sufficiently below 62 to justify you in averaging again. You will be all right on the stock, although the immediate outlook for Home Rails has been again clouded by labour and other troubles. However, I expect to see all rails better by the end of the year. 2. Modderfontein B., Mines, Robinson Central Deep, Swaziland. The Kaffir market has gone [illegible] owing to outside influences, so that you would have to exercise some little patience.
ANXIOUS (Stamford).—1. The Income Tax Reclamation Association, 14, Queen Victoria-st., E.C., would advise you. 2. Yes, a very fair chance of ultimate recovery. The board are at present adopting a conservative policy as to dividends. 3. A very long shot. 4. Average your 10s. [illegible] holding. 5. You gave a rather big price and the shares show you a considerable loss. They fluctuate a great deal, and will probably recover. I should then clear out. 6. There are many better "specs." I cannot estimate life of Camp Bird, the mine being too "patchy."
CHRISTMAS (Toronto). No; you ought to hold your Kaffirs. Indeed, it is the only thing you can do, seeing what high prices you appear to have given. Your list is a very fair one. Transvaal Consolidated Lands may revive, but I doubt whether they will ever reach £5 again. The company has the Modderfontein and Van Ryn series on Holfontein, but the rests are of very uncertain value. Credit balance, 1906, £146,129. Fair speculation at 1¼. Success of Benoni entirely depends upon further reduction in working costs. Development work suspended. Klandstaete continues to do well. Price about 15s. to 17s. 6d. Very little market in the shares.

NAVAL AND MILITARY.

JONEY. About 15 miles is the longest range.
FAILURE. Try again and don't be discouraged.
JESSIE. Try Hart's Quarterly Army List.
R. A. G. Certainly you can.
A CONSTANT READER (Harwich). 1. Twenty-four. 2. Eight. 3. Twenty-eight.
UNCLAIMED. The Chelsea Hospital authorities have the disposal of this money, to whom apply.
GUARD. Write to headquarters at Adelphi-court, W.C.
MOTHER. We are little likely to go back to three years' commissions.
E. STAR. Go and see a doctor and get his opinion, or ask the Coastguardsmen.
T. M. A. Write to the Secretary of the Admiralty, Whitehall, and fully state your case. There may be some chance.

HOUSEHOLD.

J. V. S.—Special machinery.
TUNBRIDGE. Not in season yet.
TOOSWOOD.—Given in last week's issue, which see.
MARTHA A. Brush out and dust well, and leave the windows open in clear, bright weather.
EXETER.—A "damp passage" would be far better than a warm hanging press.
ANXIOUS. Reboil the whole, recork in clean, dry crocks, and store in a dry but cooler place.
MOTH. Overboiling half an hour would have been quite enough.
UNFORTUNATE.—Plunge it into hot water for a second or two, then turn it out.
POLLY.—The sulphate of iron must be completely dissolved before you return the garments. The time of boiling should be half an hour.
ESSEX. The so-called marble you speak of is sometimes a composition or a polished slate, which does not take cleaning very well.
A. H. (Bristol). Raw sienna alone is sometimes used for the stain, or you might make a mixture of yellow ochre and white lead to get the tint you require. When the stain is quite dry apply a light oak varnish.
X. Y.—If the canvas is sound, rub it down with turpentine, getting off what is rough, and wipe all dry. Next day give it a coat of boiled oil, and in a few days, if the first coat has dried, give it another coat of the oil, and that will be sufficient.
ANON. As it is simply ordinary dirt, the best way is to wash them in soap and water, or you can put a little washing soda in the water. Wear gloves through the day, and all should come right. We never reply by post; see rules on page 2.

NATURAL HISTORY.

PIMBELLY. Should certainly take to vet.
PARROT. See "Buckland, Junior" column.
MOUSE. See "Buckland, Junior" column in issue of 9th inst.
TOBY. Give powdered areca nut in milk. Bathe patches with Izal Veterinary Fluid.
T. R. ADAMS.—Not rare; occasionally breed in captivity.
PRU. Coat requires regular combing and brushing. Only thing possible is to cut knots away.
SPHINX. See "Buckland Junior" column. Should wings become rigid, often they will open after pressing firmly back part of thorax towards the fin. Please send specimen mentioned.
CAGE BIRDS.—Give plenty of good rough grit, break up some fine shells. Mix some with seed or put sop on to it. Ought to be all right again.
PRINCE.—Canker. Drop little warm oil into ear for two or three nights. Clean with cotton wool and apply a little of following lotion: 1dr. sulphate of zinc; ½dr. boracic acid, 2oz. glycerine, 4oz. water.

PHOTOGRAPHY.

NEVILLE. Keep to pyro for negative work.
DOUBTFUL.—There is really no difference between the two. The speeds are, to all intents and purposes, the same. If anything, the pneumatic release is an advantage.

ANGLING.

RODMAN.—The Lee is open for roach fishing until the end of March.
CHUFFY. There is no sure remedy for the fungoid growth named, which is common to fish kept in small aquariums. It is contagious, and the affected fish should be removed, and the vessel thoroughly cleansed.

MISCELLANEOUS.

BATHIL. Leicester-sq., W.C.
MUSICAL BOX.—5, Hallrd., N.W.
DOUBLE GLOUCESTER.—1. 167. 2. None.
DRAC.—Skegness; about 30 miles.
ASHES.—We cannot recommend it.
H. C. WATSON.—The Army.
H. B.—1. From any French post office. 2. A franc.
RUFUS.—It is not in the Post Office Directory.
QUIDNUNC.—We do not know it.
M. A. S.—Consult Samuel French (Ltd.).
PEACEFUL HOME.—Each month, in the early editions.
IRISH.—Look for your answer under "Gardening."
ALFRED PARKER.—Very sorry, we cannot trace it.
R. W. BENNETT (Horrabridge).—A party; meaning of the word, "Ourselves alone."
CHAS. EDWARD SMITH.—Very sorry; we can't entertain the idea.
F. B. (Plumpton). Try James Ince, 156, Oxford-st.
H. J. M.—Consult Victon and Co., 9, New Bridge-st., E.C.
H. A. HORTON. 1. A semi-manufactured article. 2. Since 1870. 3. Articles of use.
A WORKING MAN (Hereford). Full of spirit, but rather out of date.
NAVY CUT and TRADE.—Write to the Board of Trade, enclosing stamped and addressed envelope.
G. SPRAGG.—"The Telegraph." You can also write to the clerk at Spring Gardens.
SEAGULL.—Write to the Agent-General of Cape Colony, Victoria-st., S.W.
FRANK HUISH.—Consult the Editor of "Engineering," 35, Bedford-st., Strand.
COAL DUST.—Write to Francis, Day and Hunter, 142, Charing Cross-rd., W.C.
HEMSTEAD.—You are quite right. April 22, 1884.
ENQUIRER (New Wandsworth).—Consult Mr. Glendening, 7, Argyll-st., Regent-st.
STELLA.—1. Venus. 2. "The Story of the Heavens," by Sir R. S. Ball.
BERY. Write to the Emigrants' Information Office, 31, Broadway, S.W.
A READER OF "THE PEOPLE."—Many thanks for the information.
CABBY.—"Coal and Iron," 46, Coal Exchange, E.C.
JESSIE MINE. Francis, Day and Hunter, Oxford-st.
BUCKSHIRE. You have to get and produce a gun licence, price 10s.
HALF MOON. He belongs to the animal kingdom, genus, man.
S. W. (Tufnell Park).—Consult Mr. H. Borth, Board of Trade, Whitehall.
N. U. L. I. S.—Lord Mayor of London in 1660, or, possibly, his son.
GEO. RICHARDSON.—Many thanks for the correction.
SEYON (Chelsea).—Consult Mr. Stanley Gibbons, Strand.
MYSTERY.—Come and search our files. There is no charge.
RAILS. Pitman's system is much the best. Consult the secretary, Russell-sq., W.C.
W. SALTER (Banwell).—Should be worth something. Consult Mr. Tregaskis, High Holborn.
A. R. S. (Southampton).—Write to Lloyds, 71, Fenchurch-st., E.C.
SHEEN CREAM.—Through his father he belongs to the house of Wettin.
IGNORAMUS. You must pay a yearly duty of £7 10s., and produce evidence of good character.
IMPREGNABLE.—1. The Board of Trade. 2. The Registrar of Joint-Stock Companies, Somerset House.
R. HADDON.—"Matrimonial Post," Trafalgar-buildings, Northumberland-avenue. "Matrimony," 61, Fleet-st.
EFFE. Engravings after Fuseli are not worth much nowadays. Consult Mr. T. McLean, 7, Haymarket, S.W.
OPPENHEIMER.—Consult the editor of "The Wine and Spirit Journal," 36, Fenchurch-st., E.C.
JOHN MAGUIRE. They are of the reigns of Queen Anne, George I., and George II. Consult Messrs. Spink, 17, Piccadilly.
FORI-DUST.—Hawker's licence, cost £2; pedlar's certificate granted by chief officer of police of district.
F. R. P. (Newcastle). Consult Mr. Quaritch, 11, Grafton-st., W. Your first book is of little value, but the other might be worth something.
J. W. MASON.—1. Guelph. 2. Wettin. 3. Wettin. In answer to your second set of questions. 1. Probably not. 2. No. 3. Yes.
MRS. POTTER.—1. Write to Messrs. Cassell, La Belle Sauvage, Ludgate-hill. 2. Write to the secretary, 4, St. Mary Axe, E.C.
JOHN H. FAULKNER (Thorold, Ont.). If you did not give your address you must look for your answer under "Found."
HARRY HILTON (Galt, Ont.).—Many thanks for your letter. It confirms many others already published by us.
ONOTO. Evidently an engraving of Ernest Augustus, King of Hanover, after a German artist. Probably not worth much, but consult Mr. Henry Graves, Pall Mall.
STICKS. Much depends on whose the signatures are. The collection should certainly be of some value. Consult Messrs. Sotheby, 9, Wellington-st., Strand.
BANK OF ENGLAND.—A clerk has to obtain a nomination from a director of the Bank and to pass a general qualifying examination. Commencing salary £100 a year.
ANNIE. —— Mice and Men, first performed Theatre Royal, Manchester, Nov. 27, 1901; Lyric Theatre, London, Jan. 27, 1902. Mr. G. Alexander has never appeared in the play.
H. L. Yes.
E. J. H. & J. BENNETT. No.

LOST AND FOUND.

[We cannot undertake to receive answers care of "The People." Inquirers who do not give their own addresses should look for answers under the head of "Found." It is best in all cases for inquirers to append their addresses, so that any replies may go to them direct. Readers are particularly advised not to send money to persons applying in this column until they have definitely ascertained that the applicants are the persons actually sought for.]

MISSING.

SPARKS, MAURICE. Last heard of at Lowestoft about 8 years ago. Uncle Fred seeks. Mr. F. Casnell, 14, Elim-st., Bermondsey, London.

EDWARDS or CAMERON, Mrs. KATE.—Last seen in London in 1906. A. Cameron, Hotel Buildings, Clynder, Dumbartonshire.

HARPER, MARIA. Believed to be in Oxford. Brother seeks. Thomas Harper, 57, Horninglow-st., Burton-on-Trent.

COLLINS, Mrs. W.—Last heard of 9 years ago at 45, Barnsley-st., Bethnal Green. Sister Susan seeks. Mrs. Rance, Pinewood-avenue, Wokingham, Berks.

BULL, JAMES (late of Derby). Last heard of at Pontypool about 4 years ago. Brother Herbert seeks. H. Bull, 48, Pleasant View, Tir Phil, Glamorgan.

EDWARDS, FRED (salesman).—Formerly of West Ealing, said to have left there for Canada 18 months ago. Sorrowing old father seeks. Ted Edwards, 6, York-place, Adelphi, W.C.

HUMPHREY, WILLIE. Last heard of in Wakefield, Yorkshire. Brother James seeks. James Humphrey, 39, Wakefield-st., Brunswick-sq., London, W.C.

HAMMOND, ALFRED CHARLES. Last heard of at Crandall, Manitoba, about 3 years ago. His sisters Lizzie and Rose, also brother Joe would be pleased to hear from him. Mrs. Orchard, 105, Weston-st., Bermondsey, London, S.E.

UPSON, GEORGE and MAUD.—Last heard of 8 years ago in the London-rd., S.E., late of 154, Great Dover-st., Boro, S.E. Brother William anxiously inquires.—W. Upson, 9, Bowles-rd., Old Kent-rd.

HADLEY, Mrs., formerly Mrs. Collins; maiden name Betsy Vann. Left London in 1878 for Kentucky. Last heard of in Kentucky. Sister inquires. Mrs. Sarah Ann Banks, 79, Dalton-rd., Barrow-in-Furness, Lancs.

JENKINS, NELLIE and SOPHIE.—Last heard of in October, 1906, from 37, Victoria-st., Englefield Green, Egham, Surrey, England. Sister Emma Sophia inquires for news. E. S. GORMLEY, Poste Restante, Port Elizabeth, Cape Colony, S.A.

HALLETT, THOMAS and JOHN. Thomas born July 7, 1855, at Bilston; last heard of at Cardiff 20 years ago. John last heard of at Linn, Mass., U.S.A., 10 years ago. Father is still alive. Brother Harry inquires. 15, Waun-st., Abergwynfi, Glam.

WILLIAMS or HILL, J. Last heard of on June 11th, 1904, as a private in the H Co., 1st Wilts Regt., at Huldanna, Munee Hills, India. Believed to have left the Army, and to have returned to England. Sister seeks.—Miss K. Hill, 51, Park-rd., Toronto, Ont., Canada.

KEMP, ERNEST CUMMINGS. Left home 6 years ago for South Africa in Mounted Police, was at Johannesburg a year and a half ago; had been up-country with a shooting party. Brother would like to hear from him. A. Kemp, c.o. Mrs. Isaacs, 122, Devizes-rd., Salisbury.

SWEET MARGARINE.

(WITH DUE APOLOGIES.)

Oh, Margarine, I'd give the world
To have again my lovely pats
Of Devon butter crisply curled
Upon my table in these flats.
My butter was a dainty dream,
And with keen appetite I ate.
But thou no flavour hast of cream,
I cannot make an omelette
With Margarine, mere Margarine,
But up the price of butter goes.
Thou may'st be pure, thou may'st be clean,
Thou art not scented like the rose.

Sweet Margarine, of purest beef
Men may compound thy wondrous fat,
But, should I buy thee, my belief
Would be that I had been "got at."
I have been young and now am old,
But butter substitutes as yet
Suggest to me that I've been sold.
If I attempt an omelette
With Margarine, best Margarine,
Although I do the best I can,
Offensive reeks arise between
My eggs and my enamelled pan.

Oh, Margarine, the sunny South
No more fresh store of butter sends,
And to my little hungry mouth
Thy taste unwonted flavours lends.
Australian butter isn't bad,
Although it still is "high" as yet,
But even this can scarce be had,
And I adore an omelette.
But Margarine! Phew! Margarine,
Though men may come and men may go,
My memory yearns for butter, e'en
As in the days of long ago.

Fair Margarine! My early love
Was not concerned with thoughts of thee,
My youthful hopes were set above
Mere butterine at seven "d."
My love will never, never change,
My butter I shall worship yet,
Through all the "seasons" I may range
When I require an omelette,
But, Margarine! Cheap butter e'e
Is sweeter to the taste than thou
I yearn for days that once have bee ,
Thou art not in my pantry now.

For, Margarine! Dear Margarine,
I hold thee dear at any price,
Though thou be pure and thou be clea ,
I cannot hold thee to be nice.
Whate'er the years may bring to me
The past brings only sad regret.
I cannot even make with thee
The simple savoury omelette.
So Margarine, "dear" Margarine,
Although I own that thou art dea
This notice on my door is seen,
"No Margarine may enter here."

MADGE ST. MAURY.

Feb. 19th, 1908.

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CHAPTER XXXIII.

THE GLARE IN THE SKY

Roger Daubeny cursed his luck as the fly wheeled round and, with the fat, half-drunk revenue official at his side, he was driven back the way he had come. The tenant of Wynter Grange was the very last man in the world to do a good-natured action, but, with the broken-down motor-car slewed across the road, it was impossible for him to proceed till the obstruction was cleared, and there were imperative reasons why he should appear to be on the side of the angels that night.

At the same time he was consumed with inward rage that he should have been so impeded. He had seen Reynell and Bartlett start for the hulk across the marshes, and had then commenced to carry out the programme arranged with the latter. When stopped by the accident to the supervisor's car he was on his way to Kilmingham, where he intended to board the electric launch which he had had transported thither for his own journey by water to the hulk. The delay might mean that Reynell would secure the plunder, get the better of Bartlett by some cunning ruse or murderous trick, and decamp with the spoils.

Reynell, who had never given up hope that by threat or compulsion he might induce Lesbia to throw in her lot with his, had not informed Daubeny of her presence on the hulk, but had the callous, dried-up chip of a man been aware of his niece's plight it would have troubled him not one jot. She had never entered into his calculations, except as a mere pin-prick. She was nothing to him one way or the other, and it is doubtful if he would have felt greatly aggrieved against her for causing the death of his son, if by that act she had even remotely conduced to the realisation of his avaricious hopes.

His annoyance was purely selfish, and he could hardly contain himself as he listened to Mr. Gaynor's maudlin explanations for his sorry plight—the more so as a failure to capture Black Dick might make all the difference to the success of his plans. That the whole elaborate scheme should be endangered because this obese old reprobate of an official wanted to guzzle at the masonic banquet to the very last moment was gall and wormwood to him as a solitary toper of unconvivial habits. His one consolation was that it was in his interests that Gaynor had been dragged from his dinner, and it tickled his sour humour to think that the supervisor, bragging of the call of duty in vinous tones, was but a pawn in his game.

"As a tax-payer I am entitled to this swine's services," Mr. Daubeny told himself as the fly neared the hay-rick. "If my affair goes awry through his dilatoriness I'll take care he suffers for it."

There was still the chance that Holt and his companion might have passed the police-trap already, and it was therefore with a fierce anxiety that Roger Daubeny waited when the vehicle stopped and a dim shadow approached the door. He was not aware that the inspector, knowing Gaynor's little weaknesses, had instructed his underlings to act without him if he had not arrived..

"Yesh, itsh me, Sergeant," the supervisor announced himself. "Had a smash-up in the motor-car, and gentleman's ver' kindly given me a lift. Any one s'pishush been by?"

"No, sir," replied the police-officer. "Let me give you a hand out. That's right. You'll find a snug corner in the rick to lay up in," he added in a tone of contemptuous disgust as he noticed the revenue man's condition.

"What had I better do?" Daubeny inquired when Gaynor had stumbled off towards a gate into the field. "I don't want to spoil sport, but I must get on to Kilmingham as soon as that infernal car is moved. Where had the fly better wait? Supposing your smugglers come along it might draw attention to your ambush if I stayed here."

"Is Mr. Gaynor going back on the car, sir—after we've finished our job?"

"The deuce only knows," growled Daubeny. "I've nothing to do with him or his arrangements."

The sergeant reflected, and being shrew according to his lights tried to glimpse the eager, sinister face peering at him from the fly window. Such consideration for the work of the police on the part of a layman, especially of one who had been personally inconvenienced, did not often enter into his daily routine. Was it possible that the gentleman with the rasping voice and the professed desire to aid the law was part and parcel of a "plant" put up on the bibulous supervisor? For all the sergeant knew the fly might contain the smuggler and the smuggled tobacco, and he was in two minds whether to search it. More likely still, however, he concluded, a practical joke was afoot to make a fool of the new worshipful master, and the occupant of the fly had been deputed to see it through. Coming from a distance, the sergeant was unacquainted with the personality of the crippled tenant of Wynter Grange.

"You're right, sir," he said at length. "'Twouldn't do for your fly to advertise our little show by staying here, and you'd lose time if you went further along the road. It will be best for you to drive back to the breakdown and wait there. 'Twont matter to you whether the car comes on or turns back to Kilmingham and Yarmouth, and you'll be on the spot, ready to get on as soon as she can move."

"Sound advice," agreed Daubeny, in whose mind the policeman's words had hatched an idea for minimising the delay. "Ask my driver to go back to the breakdown, please. Good-night, sergeant."

"Good-night, sir," replied the officer, and strode away to guide the erratic footsteps of Mr. Gaynor to the rick where a long and fruitless vigil was to commence.

Arrived at the scene of the mishap once more, Roger Daubeny found that the doctor's servant was very far from having adjusted the new tyre. There was nothing for it but to sit in the fly and chafe at the delay, every minute of which lessened his chance of being in time to frustrate Reynell's designs. If everything went at the hulk as smoothly as his double-faced guest had seemed to expect the odds were already against his reaching Deadman's Creek before Reynell and Bartlett had discovered and removed the treasure. In which case, for widely different reasons, it was very doubtful if he would ever see or hear of either of them again.

It was nearly an hour after the return of the fly before the chauffeur of the converted groom-gardener type announced that the car was in a condition to proceed. Daubeny immediately called him to the door of the fly.

"He's done the trick. He's fired the hulk!"

"What are you going to do?" he asked. "Follow Mr. Gaynor or go home?"

"I hardly know, sir," replied the man doubtfully. "My master's orders were to hold myself and the car at Mr. Gaynor's orders. I expect Mr. Gaynor would have told me what he wanted when he reached his destination. He hadn't said anything up to the time of the accident, and that may have put it out of his head."

"I don't think so," said Daubeny. "At any rate you can safely assume that if he had wanted the car again he would have instructed you to that effect. See here, my friend! If you will conceive it to be your duty to return, and drop me at Kilmingham on your way, I have a sovereign for you."

Doctor Smith-Jenkins' man rose to the occasion, and, having paid off his fly-man and transferred himself to the car, Daubeny congratulated himself on having saved at least twenty minutes. He descended in the silent main street of the little marshland village just as the church clock was chiming half-past eleven—nearly an hour and a half later than he had hoped to leave the place.

Muttering curses on his infirmity, he limped painfully down to the landing-place where by his orders the electric launch had been moored ready for him. Having assured himself that the accumulators were fully charged, he took his seat in the stern and sent the little craft skimming out of the broad into the network of dykes that led to his goal.

He had little more than a general knowledge of the direction of Deadman's Creek to guide him, but, luckily for his purpose, a three-quarter moon had risen and hung low over the marshes, giving light enough to steer by. The task he had set himself might have appalled a braver man, but the thought of the treasure that had been a life-long obsession with him, and the dread lest it should be snatched from him, gave him courage. Driving the launch at high speed between the reedy banks, he slowed down only when he came to one of the many rectangular corners he had to turn, and then rushed on again into the cross-section, handling the gear with diabolical skill.

These he began to carry, four at each journey.

And every now and then in the solitude of those desolate swamps he gave vent to frenzied cries of mingled despair and menace, as the dykes seemed to grow interminable and his destination further off than ever. After these outbreaks he would console himself by patting with his free hand something hard that bulged his breast-pocket with significant outline, once even withdrawing it and letting the moonbeams play for one gloating moment on the nickel barrel of a revolver.

So at last he shot into a broader dyke which his study of a map during the past few days told him led straight into the creek. The knowledge that his zig-zag course was run, and that though there was still a considerable distance to traverse, his face must henceforward be towards his goal, soothed him into a quieter and more deadly mood. In a little while he would know the worst—the worst for James Reynell, it would be, if he was only in time.

Then, suddenly, he looked up after changing the speed lever, and the sigh of relief was strangled in his throat.

In the sky, right ahead, a dull glare shone—the glow from a conflagration below, the source of which was hidden by the twin sand-dunes towards which the launch was tearing through the oily waters of the dyke.

"By God! he's done the trick. He's fired the hulk!" Roger Daubeny's wild scream broke the stillness of the marsh.

CHAPTER XXXIV.

THE HORROR BY NIGHT.

Reynell having turned the key in the cuddy door and carefully stowed the cigar-box in the pocket of his loose overcoat, methodically set about the crowning act of his night's work. For this he had made due provision through the agency of Nick Sturman. Quitting the vessel, he made his way along the shore of the creek to the sand-dune, and found that the innkeeper's impish son had not failed him. Lightly covered in the sand, according to the directions he had given, were a score of bottles filled with paraffin oil.

These he began to carry, four at each journey, to the hulk, where he ranged them in a row in the waist of the vessel. He went about the business in a leisurely fashion, secure in the belief that he had no need for hurry. Black Dick and Andreas Voordam were doubtless by this time in the hands of the police, and Bartlett was battened down in the hold. From no others, out there in the lonely waste, had he ever anticipated opposition. Roger Daubeny did not enter into his calculations at all. He knew nothing of the hastily formed alliance between "The Tiger" and his erstwhile host at the Grange. He had wiped Daubeny clean off the slate of his fiendish design, never intending to see him again.

When he had obliterated all traces of his crime by destroying all the witnesses, he meant to catch an early train at Lowestoft and disappear with his plunder, confident that he would be able to enjoy the proceeds without let or hindrance. Not in this country, perhaps; since it was always possible that Roger Daubeny might allow his natural vindictiveness to get the better of prudence and denounce him, at the risk of being in turn accused as an accessory. But America, North and South, was open to him, and he might hope to return to England after Daubeny's death still a comparatively young man.

It had been his scheme from the first to inveigle Bartlett into the hold of the hulk after he had served his turn in intimidating Judy into submission, and he had looked for some difficulty in accomplishing it. Fortune had played his game in making Judy achieve his purpose for him, and he smiled darkly at the thought that even now the wildfowler's daughter, rather than himself, was bearing the brunt of his trapped ex-partner's curses.

"The Tiger is under the delusion that that strapping wench won't permit me to help him out," he chuckled. "He is wasting all his ferocity of talk on that sweet flower of the marshes. He won't begin to suspect me till he begins to frizzle. Lord, but the old tub ought to burn like tinder, once she's properly alight."

After his fifth journey to the dune he surveyed the row of bottles with something of the air of a general reviewing his troops for battle. Then still acting with deadly precision, and scorning haste, he carried four of the bottles up the ladder on to the poop-deck and, drawing the corks, poured the contents over the rotten planking, allotting the most liberal allowance to that portion of the deck over the cabin where Leonard lay.

His next proceeding was to spill six more bottles on the deck in the waist near the cuddy door, wondering a little as he did so at the silence that reigned within. He had expected blows on the door and, perhaps, cries, but there was no demonstration of the kind. Well, they would come presently, and it would not be altogether unpleasant to listen to them, for these obstinate people had given him a lot of trouble.

He had still ten bottles of paraffin at his disposal, and for these was reserved the post of honour in the coming holocaust. He had long ago observed that Black Dick kept a supply of dried reeds stacked against the bulwarks, and these he set to work to pile against the door of the cuddy, heaping them up, as far as he could reach, towards the rails of the poop overhead. This done he saturated the pile with the oil from the remaining bottles and stood back, critically surveying his handiwork.

Then he advanced again, and, as he did so, drew a silver match-box from his vest pocket.

In the meanwhile Judy had been the first of those within to recover from the consternation caused by their imprisonment. Beckoning Lesbia from Leonard's cabin into the cuddy, she whispered her apprehensions that something serious was intended. Lesbia agreed, though she could not understand why Reynell, having got possession of the treasure, should seek to do them further injury.

"Perhaps he only locked the door to prevent his companion from following him and claiming a share," she suggested hopefully.

Judy tried to extract what comfort she could from the surmise, but it was not altogether satisfying. Reynell could have been far away across the marshes before they could clear the trapdoor and re-fix the rope ladder so that Bartlett could ascend, supposing that to be a course the two girls would have been likely to adopt. As it was, even now Judy was reluctant to release a man who, however treacherously he might have been treated by his accomplice, had come to the hulk in open hostility to the occupants.

"Let's listen if Reynell has left the ship," said Judy.

For a considerable time the two girls stood with bated breath, hearing nothing but the faint gurgle of the tide against the ancient timbers. The silence reminded them that for some reason the man in the hold had desisted from his raving curses, and they speculated idly as to the cause. But presently he was driven from their thoughts by unmistakable footfalls on the deck outside the cuddy door. After an interval the sounds were repeated; again there was an interval, and again a repetition, till steps were plainly audible on the ladder mounting to the poop-deck above them.

"Whoever it is is moving about overhead now," whispered Judy. "And I thought I heard the chink of glass."

"It must be Mr. Reynell, but what can he be doing?" Lesbia murmured.

Again a pause, and then Judy's stout heart was gripped with a great terror. A quite new sound had fallen upon her straining ears, and she knew that she could have answered Lesbia's question if she would. The swish of the dried reeds against the front of the cuddy revealed the dread secret. Still, while there was a chance that that cruel demon might relent or be interrupted, she would spare the others the horrors of suspense.

But it was no time to remain idle.

"Lend us a hand with this chest of drawers," she said under her breath. "I am getting anxious about that chap below—he's so jolly quiet. Perhaps he's been took bad, or something. Anyway I'm going to have the lid off him and see what he's up to."

"You're frightened, Judy. You are as pale as death," faltered Lesbia tearfully. "What is it that you fear?"

"If it's only to choke the life out of Jim Reynell."

The girl, who stood between the ruffian Inman Daubeny and the aged recluse of the windmill without a tremor, was all shaken to pieces by an as yet unfathomed peril—because that peril threatened her helpless lover.

"Do as I ask you!" snapped Judy sharply.

Together they pushed the heavy chest from off the trapdoor, and Judy's fingers closed on the iron ring by which it was raised. But before she had exerted her strength to lift it, a crackle, increasing rapidly to a roar of devouring flame, sprang up outside the cuddy door. Lesbia stared at her for an instant of agonised comprehension, and then stole away into Leonard's cabin.

Judy, shrugging her shoulders, pulled up the trap and peered into the darkness. "Are you there?" she called down, her voice echoing strangely in the great hollow space. "Quick, there's not a moment to be lost if you want to save your life."

There was an appreciable pause, and then from the bottom of the hold immediately under her the cry came up: "What's wrong? What's he done?"

"He's locked us in and set fire to the hulk. Roll that rope ladder into a ball and throw it up."

"Has he got the plunder?"

"Yes, never mind that. Hurry up with the ladder."

Following an angry oath, the rope ladder came whizzing through the dark square hole. Catching it deftly, Judy fastened the loose ends to the staples from which it had originally hung, taking care, in spite of the desperate need for haste, to tie the knots securely.

"It's all right now," she shouted. "Up you come."

A moment later Bartlett stood in the cuddy, glaring round him like a trapped rat. The noise of the flames, which had been inaudible in the hold, told him of the imminence of their peril, as did even more eloquently the little curling wreaths of acrid smoke that were beginning to find their way through crevices in the woodwork. Setting his teeth grimly, he strode to the door and hurled his mighty frame against it. The impact was of no avail. The door, old as it was, had been built to withstand the rush of seas that might sweep the decks and batter at the passenger accommodation.

A human body came hurtling down.

"The Tiger," wastrel and professional criminal as he was, was no coward, and the face he turned to Judy was full of resolution.

"I've got to get out of this, if it's only to choke the life out of Jim Reynell," he said quietly. "You two women have got to get out of it—well, because you're women. And I understand that there's a sick man on board?"

"In that cabin," replied Judy, pointing. "If the way out was ever so clear he couldn't move without being carried."

"Then we must make the way clear and carry him—if we can," returned Bartlett, his gaze settling intuitively on the trapdoor from which he had so recently emerged.

"You're a funny fellow," Judy could not resist saying, even at that supreme crisis. "An hour ago you were holding me for that devil to maltreat, and now you think about saving the life of the poor young chap you came to rob, and who is less than nothing to you."

"Oh, give it a rest. We've no time to philosophise, Miss Holt. Perhaps I held you because I saw that you were smart enough to find a better way out of your difficulty than by letting Jem Reynell handle you—as you proved to be. Some day, if we live through this night, I shall be interested to learn how he induced you to give up the secret of the hiding-place. Never mind now. We shall be roasted alive if we stay here twenty minutes longer. We must all go down into the hold."

"Into the hold?" Judy exclaimed. "There's no way out from there."

"I have been trying to make one for the last half hour," replied Bartlett. "It's our one chance—to finish it before the fire breaks out through the deck. Don't gape at me, my girl, but lend a hand. This d——d electric toy of Reynell's is no use. Get a proper light."

Something prompted Judy to obey the masterful tone, and she fetched and lighted a hand lamp. Climbing down into the hold, Bartlett set it on the ballast near the foot of the rope ladder and immediately rejoined her. In the short interval Judy had found time to inform Leonard and Lesbia that a common instinct of self-preservation and a hatred of their joint enemy had converted Reynell's former adherent into an ally.

Leonard therefore allowed the big man to take him on his shoulders and so to carry him down the dangling ladder into the hold. Lesbia followed, and Judy had her foot on the topmost rung when Bartlett called up to her to pull the trapdoor down after her, and so prevent as long as possible the fire and smoke from reaching them in their last refuge.

None too soon did she obey the behest. For as she took a last look round the cuddy of the old *Cader Idris*—the quaint apartment that had been her home so long—the flames burst in through the front facing the waist, and an avalanche of blazing reeds fell inwards. Letting the trapdoor slam over her head she quickly rejoined the others below.

"Come with me," said Bartlett, when he heard of the triumph of the flames overhead. "I'll show you our one hope."

Taking the lamp, and leaving Lesbia with Leonard, Judy accompanied Bartlett to where the broken forepart of the ship had been jammed sideways into the shore of the creek when she had been beached there so many years before. Through the great rent caused by the collision which had ended the vessel's career the sand of the shore had drifted, mingling with the sand of the ballast, till it was heaped up in one enormous drift that concealed the damaged curve of the bows. Bartlett flashed the lamp on a hole, trending upwards, in the sand.

"I made that burrow," he said quietly. "When you called down to me I was at work on it. Unfortunately one doesn't know how far one has to go to reach the open, but there's this point in our favour that the sand is damp from the tide and doesn't slip back. You might start another burrow there, farther to the left. It will give us a second chance, and, with luck, there mightn't be so much sand in front of you as there is before me. It's a bit of a lottery, with a biggish stake."

"You're never thinking of those jewels still!" said Judy, mistaking his meaning.

"Get to work," snarled "The Tiger." "I'm thinking of our lives, girl, and a good deal about Jem Reynell's life, which I want a good deal more than all the jewels in the world."

Judy, with a dim idea that she was beginning to understand this grim "human document," attacked the spot he had indicated in the drift, tearing at the clammy sand with her naked hands and making, it seemed in her distress, but little progress in the slanting wall in front. Now and again she looked back to where the lovers, hand in hand and absorbed in each other, were waiting upon fate, but the rays of the lamp by which she was toiling for dear life did not carry so far, and she turned again to her task, glad at least that they did not know the hopelessness of it.

Once she called out, "Are you two all right there?"

And Lesbia's answer came back: "We are trusting in God, dear, and in you."

Again, for what seemed an age, Judy fought the sand, scraping and scratching at it till she had worked upwards from the level of the ballast almost the length of her own body. Then, suddenly, she was conscious of a breathlessness not to be accounted for by her strenuous labour—a virulent clutch at her throat and lungs that told her they were being assailed by smoke.

Sliding back to the bottom of the shaft she had excavated, she saw with a wild thrill of despair that Leonard and Lesbia were no longer in darkness. Clear-cut as a cameo, in the centre of a halo of light against the black background of the further hold, the pair were visible to her now, staring upwards with horror-struck eyes at the source of the light that illumined them. A glance in the same direction told Judy that the end was at hand.

The fire in the cuddy had eaten its way through the deck close to the trapdoor, probably at that spot having gained extra strength from the oil in the hanging lamp which they ought to have brought below with them. Little tongues of flame were darting downwards, and—a greater menace still—clouds of murky smoke were rolling in through the fire-wrought breach.

In less than five minutes, if the burning deck had not fallen in to overwhelm them, they would assuredly be suffocated.

Judy found herself vaguely wondering which would be the easiest death, when the sound of heavy breathing at her elbow caused her to raise the lamp and flash it round. There stood Bartlett, panting with his exertions, and coughing up the pungent vapour which he perforce drew into his lungs. Judy, observing the grim, fixed stare with which he was taking in the desperate conditions at the other end of the hold, surmised that he, too, had been driven by the smoke to abandon the forlorn hope.

"Seems as if we should be smoked out directly——" he was beginning, but the words died away on his lips, checked by the report of a revolver shot which rang out somewhere on the deck above. A gleam of malignant joy shone in "The Tiger's" face.

"That will be old Roger Daubeny turned up after all," he exclaimed. "All that time in the cabin I was wondering what had kept him. I set him on to follow us, suspecting Reynell intended treachery to him and me. He's come too late to be of any use to us, but God send he's pumped lead into James."

"How can you talk like that at such an awful moment?" came Judy's swift reproof. "Face to face with death yourself——"

The girl's simple-hearted blame stopped suddenly, and then her voice rose again in a shrill scream that was echoed by Lesbia. For through the half-consumed planks of the deck, heralded and surrounded by a shower of sparks, a human body came hurtling down.

It fell with a thud on the sand-ballast, narrowly missing Leonard. There it lay very still, its garments smouldering.

(To be Concluded Next Week.)

JACK ALLROUND.

Cleaning and Bleaching White Straw Hats.

Remove lining and trimming. Make a warm lather of soap and water, and with this wash the hats, inside and outside, gently, but thoroughly, this cleansing must be done. In cases where necessary a brush may be used, a soft, but not too coarse nail brush answers well. While careful not to tear or break the straw, all the dirt and grease must be got out. As soon as this cleansing is complete, rinse out the soap with two or three changes of water, then hang the hats to dry. When quite dry the bleaching may be accomplished by putting a quarter of an ounce—or more—of oxalic acid powder—as you may have one or more hats to bleach—and pouring over the powder enough boiling water to allow of the hat being completely covered. Stir it up and when the acid is quite dissolved put in the hat, and with a stick hold it down in the bleaching liquor for two or three minutes. Then take it out and rinse it well with three changes of water so as to get out all the acid as thoroughly as possible. If any of the acid remains in the hat it will turn yellow very quickly. Finally hang it up, if possible, to dry in the sun.

Cold Raisin Pudding.

Or, as it is sometimes called, "The pudding for all seasons." For ingredients have one pint of milk, four eggs, two ounces of large muscatel raisins, four tablespoonfuls of marmalade, a few slices of sponge cake, sugar, more or less, according to taste, and a little grated lemon rind. Put the sugar to dissolve in the milk, and when melted add the lemon rind. Whisk up the eggs well, and then stir them into the milk. Have ready the raisins stoned, and cut each raisin in half, and with the halved raisins pressed against it line the inside of a well-buttered mould, then spread the slices of sponge cake with the marmalade, and lay them in the mould. Now pour in the custard, tie a sheet of paper over the top of the mould and a cloth over that, and boil for one hour gently, too fierce boiling will spoil it. When the boiling is ended remove the pudding, and set it aside to get cold, when, if properly made, it can be easily turned out.

Whitewashing Ceilings.

Three of the seven correspondents I am replying to complain of "very smoke-stained and more or less dilapidated ceilings." For such, the first thing to be done to get off the stain is to have a stumpy old whitewashing brush in which the stiffer the hairs are the better. With this brush and plenty of water proceed to rub off the dirty stuff on the ceiling. As you go along with the work, follow it up with a large coarse sponge, which you must constantly rinse and wring out in fresh water after you have used it to soak up the dirty whiting raised by the brush. Two persons should work at the job, one on the ladder and the other below rinsing out the sponge. After this, all holes and cracks must be stopped up with plaster of Paris worked into a stiff paste. If you have not the proper tools you can make shift with a pliable broad-bladed kitchen knife, which will be none the worse after the work is done. Next day you may begin the whitewashing.

To Prepare and Lay on the Whitewash.

The quantity of stuff you will require must depend on the number and size of the ceilings you propose to do. Take, say, half a dozen balls of good Paris white (which is the best sort of whiting to use) and for this you will require about two pounds of the best double size—some put less. Put the whiting in a pail and pour water upon it, just sufficient to dissolve it completely, but no more. Then melt the size in another vessel, adding about a pint of water to prevent it burning. As soon as the size is melted, pour it upon the whiting, and work them together well with your hands, or beat them up together with a clean flattish stick, but the hands are the best. If your ceiling is to be a pure white take a little ultramarine powder on a slate and work it up thoroughly with a little of the whitewash from the pail; then add sufficient of the mixture to give a nice tint of pure white to the whole, and stir it until it is absolutely evenly distributed through the whole mass without spots or streaks. Those of my correspondents who ask for "cream coloured" or, in two instances, "pinkish" ceilings, must use for colouring, respectively, a little yellow ochre powder or a rose pink powder, and, of course, must omit the blue. Each colour is to be mixed first on the slate with some of the made up whiting before it is added to the mass. When tinted, while still warm, strain the wash through coarse canvas, and when quite cold it is ready for use. In colouring, you must bear in mind that the wash will dry two or three shades lighter that it is in the pail. As soon as you are ready to begin, shut all doors and windows of the room to exclude all draughts, as these would prevent the work from drying evenly, and give it a more or less streaky appearance. You should also be careful to work as speedily as possible with a good broad whitewashing brush.

Spice Nuts.

Take for ingredients three quarters of a pound of golden syrup or treacle, half a pound of moist sugar, half a pound of lard, half an ounce of ground ginger, a quarter of an ounce of finely ground mixed spices, and as much self-raising flour as will make the above into a light dough. Rub the lard, sugar, ginger and spice into the flour, and when they are thoroughly mixed make a bay or hole in the middle and pour the syrup or treacle (whichever you elect to use) into the hole and mix all together. When mixed, roll it out into a sheet with a rolling pin, dusting it lightly with fine ground rice to prevent sticking, then cut out to the size and thickness of a penny, and place a split blanched almond in the centre of each. Put the nuts on well-greased tins, half an inch apart; wash them over with water, and bake in a cool oven.

A stone was thrown at the skylight of the North London Police Court, and pieces of glass fell near the dock. The magistrate said if any more stones were thrown he would have to provide the prisoner with an umbrella.

INDIGESTION

Indigestion attacks old and young, rich and poor, and terrible are the consequences of neglect. The disease that robs you of the power to digest your food, robs you of the very source of life itself. Slowly your strength ebbs away, you are tortured with pain, and life becomes a misery. Be warned! Take Mother Seigel's Syrup, the real cure.

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NEW THEATRE.

"'MATT,' OF MERRYMOUNT."

"The Scarlet Pimpernel," which, in the hands of Mr. Terry and Miss Julia Neilson, seemed to be a flower that would never fade, has, however, given place at last to another piece by the same lady playwrights, passing under the pseudonyms of B. M. Dix and E. G. Sutherland. But though similar in kind, "'Matt,' of Merrymount," is not of equal quality with the drama it supplants, even as tested by the artificial standard of machine-made play to which both pieces belong. The hero comes down through a long and undistinguished line of stage ancestors, beginning with Claud Duval, as a sentimental outlaw, albeit a staunch cavalier royalist, who with romantic magnanimity atones to his neighbour for stealing his flock of sheep by returning him his child's one pet lamb. Matt, though a thief—but always posing as a gentleman—falls in love with Diantha Frothingham, his Puritan neighbour's daughter, presented as a demure maiden, who coyly asserts her modesty by coming disguised in boy's clothes to the bold bandit's haunt, shared by him apparently in platonic cohabitation with a young reputed witch named Red Jill. Diantha, fascinated by the gallantly gracious outlaw, receives him and his passionate vows clandestinely at her father's house, where, being detected, Matt is condemned by the Puritan magistrate to pay the penalty of his malpractices not only by sitting in the stocks but afterwards serving for a year as his indentured labourer. While under this irksome bondage, endured for Diantha's sake, Matt suffers not only a menial's indignity under his master, but also from his malevolent cousin, newly arrived from England, whence Matt had fled to the New Country in the belief of his having killed this sinister relative, to whom he under his indenture is transferred. After thrilling adventures, in which Matt by pistol and poinard rescues Diantha from his cousin's insult, the captive lover escapes from his thraldom, hies him back to England, there to learn that he has become his noble grandsire's heir, and himself a peer. Gilded with these advantages he returns disguised—like another Ulysses—to the home of his lady-love in New England, and confutes his cousin. This triumph of poetical justice occurs at the cousin's betrothal to the unwilling Diantha, at which Matt, throwing off his disguise and claiming the lass for himself, takes her to his embrace as sharer of his coronet and estate.

The writers of this melodramatic melange have again provided Mr. Fred Terry with a part in which he can revel as a gallant, gay, and debonnair roysterer, who, when not engaged in making love, lives as a colonist by raiding with pistol and knife, the land of his neighbours instead of working with plough and spade to reclaim his own. Such a man in the person of Matt is, according to Mr. Terry, "ideal," and he certainly succeeds in making the part so in the sense that it is wholly opposed to reality. The Puritan damsel, Diantha, is played sympathetically by Miss Alice Crawford in the quiet scenes, but too stridently in strained tones of voice through the passionate passages, and Miss Miriam Lewes gave intensity to Red Jill. Mr. Carter-Edwards imparts dignity to the Puritan magistrate, and Mr. Jerrold Robertshaw is grimly humorous as his craven serving man. The reception of the play at curtain fall was mixed.

CORONET THEATRE.

MR. F. R. BENSON'S SEASON.

It is a most satisfactory sign of the theatrical times that during the first week of the Benson's Company's month's stay at the Coronet Theatre, large audiences should have patronised the excellent performances of Shakspere which Mr. F. R. Benson and his able assistants have presented. We get too little of Shakspere year in and year out, and that there is a large public for his plays when offered with the understanding and completeness of such a company as that now visiting the Coronet, has been abundantly shown during the past week.

Varying his repertoire as usual with one or two old English comedies, Mr. Benson produced on Friday night, for the first time in London, Garrick's version of Wm. Wycherley's play, which Macauley, we think it was, described as the most profligate and heartless work ever written. Much of the heartlessness remains, in this version of "The Country Girl," but the fact that Peggy is made the prospective, and not the actual, wife of the once town rake, Moody, helps to relieve the embroglio of most of its profligacy. One can, however, see behind all the amusing and witty intrigue the kind of thing it was which the Restoration dramatist dealt with so unblushingly, and while "The Country Girl" is a very different thing from "The Country Wife," it remains as an interesting and entertaining reflex of the morals and manners of the time. It was on the whole, wonderfully well played on Friday night, and Mr. Benson is to be congratulated on the performance. His Belville, if a trifle lacking in the youthful spirit, was of course a highly-intelligent performance, and as Peggy, the girl from the country who is wooed and won in such strange fashion, Mrs. F. R. Benson contributed greatly towards the success of the representation. More restraint than she showed was at times called for, and perhaps more suggestion of the engaging hoyden, but it must be confessed that her Peggy was a very sprightly and diverting person, one who kept the audience in constant laughter. No one was more in the picture as a gallant than Mr. Murray Carrington, who, as Harcourt, carries Alithea off under the very nose of her betrothed, old Sparkish, a part capitally acted by Mr. H. O. Nicholson. Miss Helen Haye as Alithea was excellent in her scene with Harcourt, and Mr. E. A. Warburton did his best to be a churlish Moody. Mr. F. G. Warlock, Miss Cassie Saunarez, and Mr. Moffat Johnston completed the capable cast.

This week the company will present for the first time on the English stage in consecutive order the trilogy of plays in which Shakspere has presented the moving story of English kingship and the growth of the English national character during the rise and supremacy of the House of Lancaster—"Richard II.," "Henry IV.," and "Henry V."

APOLLO.

"THE FOLLIES POTTED PLAYS."

There is laughter once more in London, for The Follies have returned. There is so little that is really funny in the London theatres—so little that makes for harmless, unrestrained mirth—that one welcomes The Follies like the return of spring. So full of humour is their new programme that one hardly knows what to select for individual comment. Those who have seen this remarkable troupe of entertainers, dominated by the alert mind of Mr. Pelissier, will realise our difficulty; those who have not will know at once what we mean when they have paid a visit to the Apollo Theatre. Beginning as usual with a miscellaneous scheme of entertainment, in which vocal novelties and one or two pleasingly familiar numbers have a part, we get to grips of Mr. Pelissier's humorous scheme in his "potted plays."

These are the essence in travesty of a quartette of popular pieces, "The Merry Widow," "The Christian," "A White Man," and "The Girls of Gottenberg." Mr. Pelissier as Danilo taking his share in "The Merry Widow" waltz is only exceeded in its mirthful qualities by Mr. Pelissier as Glory Quayle in Mr. Hall Caine's play. But the spirit of burlesque does not end here. For the second half of the evening we have a "Grand Special Matinée given for the benefit of Sarah Judkins, under the direct and immediate patronage of his Grace the Druce of Portland." This is a delightful travesty of a music-hall entertainment coupled with a "take off" of stage and operatic doings. The supper scene from "The School for Scandal," the excerpt from Signor Verdigrisi's opera, "Il Tedioso," the efforts of the "Sisters Flapper," the success of Mr. Wilkie Marred—all these things make for double-sided laughter, and for an evening of unrestrained mirth, while Mr. Pelissier, author, composer, producer, inventor, everything in fact which supplies the motive and the brain power of this merry scheme, is the all-pervading genius, he is assisted by a loyal and talented company. It would not be fair in generalising on this new output of The Follies to omit to mention them individually, and to say that no little of the success is due to Mesdames Gwennie Mars, Dollie Brooke, and Effie Cook, and Messrs. Lewis Sydney, Norman Blumé, and Dan Everard.

NOTES AND NEWS.

THEATRES.

Mr. J. W. Turner and his company will commence a four weeks grand opera season at the Dalston Theatre to-morrow.

"His House in Order," from the St. James's Theatre, will be the attraction at the Marlborough Theatre this week.

Miss Marie Studholme is paying a visit to the Kennington Theatre in "Miss Hook of Holland" this week.

This week at the Fulham Theatre, with a matinee on the Wednesday, the attraction will be Mr Norman Macowan's Co. in "Monsieur Beaucaire." Mr. Norman Macowan enacts the part of Monsieur Beaucaire, and that of Lady Mary Carlisle is played by Miss Violet Sterne.

The D'Oyly Carte Opera Co. enter the second week of their season at the Camden Theatre to-morrow. The repertoire for the week will include "Patience," "The Yeomen of the Guard," "The Gondoliers," "The Mikado," "H.M.S. Pinafore," and "Princess Ida."

Mr. Bannister Howard has arranged for Charles Macdona's Co. in "The Little Michus" at the Crystal Palace Theatre this week, and a Flying Matinee on March 12, at 2.30, of "Trilby," with Mr. Tree in the cast. Professor Johann Kruse will give a violin recital next Saturday, assisted by Mlle. de St. Andre and Mr. Richard Epstein.

At the matinee to be given at the Scala Theatre on Tuesday next in aid of the funds of the League of Mercy, and which is to be honoured by the presence of H.R.H. the Princess of Wales, the programme will include "Importance of Being Earnest" and "Under the Greenwood Tree," a children's pastoral play, by Maj. Philip Trevor, music by Howard Carr.

The King and Queen and the Prince and Princess of Wales were present at the Shaftesbury Theatre on Friday night to witness the performance of the Sicilian Players.

The deputation of dramatic authors and others which was to have been heard by the Prime Minister last November regarding the censorship of plays, then postponed owing to the illness of Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, will be received by the Home Secretary at the Home Office next Tuesday.

At a private performance of the Incorporated Stage Society to be given on Sunday evening, March 1, will be presented a new three act play by Margaret M. Mack, entitled "The Gates of the Morning."

Miss Ellaline Terriss has her exact double in form, face, voice and method in the person of Miss Maie Ash, now playing at the same theatre as herself—the Aldwych. Similar resemblance has been noted between Miss Marie Tempest and her sister.

Miss Constance Collier will next week recite at the Empire the stirring story of the relief of Lucknow. The popular actress was previously seen earlier in her career on the same stage in a classical ballet and also at the Gaiety in the burlesque of "Don Juan."

Miss Blanche Stanley has been engaged to play the nurse in the forthcoming revival of "Romeo and Juliet" at the Lyceum.

At the conclusion of the tenancy of Terry's Theatre, secured for the run of "The Lord of Latimer Street" in April next, Miss Fannie Ward will start a three months' season there with a new play called, "The Secret Orchard," adapted from the novel of that name. Mr Chas. Cartwright is to produce the piece.

Next Thursday is the date assigned for the production at the Comedy of "Lady Barbarity," with Miss Marie Tempest in the title part, and Messrs. J. H. Barnes, Allen Aynesworth, and Miss Dora Barton also included in the cast.

VARIETY STAGE.

Kittie Rayburn has made a great success at the Standard with a new song, "Won't You Come To Me in Canada?" specially written for her by S. Fortescue Harrison and John Neat.

Arturo Bernardi, the quick-change artist, from the London Pavilion, had the honour of appearing on Tuesday night before the Prince and Princess of Wales and a distinguished gathering at Lord Iveagh's town residence.

To-morrow at the Canterbury we are to have the appearance of the Champion Ju-Jitsu Wrestler of the World, Tarro Miyake, who is the only man who defeated the celebrated Yukio Tani. Special bouts will take place every evening.

Yet another capture for the variety stage and a big one. Miss Edyth Olive will make her debut on March 2 at the Empire, Camberwell, in a little Sicilian drama, "What Women Do For Men." It may be stated that this play was secured before the Sicilians appeared in London.

"An Amateur Raffles" is the title of a musical duologue written by Herbert Clayton and composed by Ralph Nairn, in which Mr. H. A. Lytton will be seen at the London Pavilion next Monday. Mr. Clayton is the well-known baritone at present playing Capt. Paap in "Miss Hook of Holland."

Miss Gitana, who will open at the Stratford Empire next week, is a Staffordshire girl, and is gifted with a very powerful voice. She was known for several years in the profession as Little Gitana, playing with O'Connor and Brady's companies. Miss Gitana made her first appearance at Barrow seven years ago, and is booked solid for the next three years to come on the Moss-Stoll tour. She will be seen in a dainty singing and dancing trifle, "A Schoolgirl's Holiday."

MISS GERTIE GITANA.

Miss Constance Collier makes her appearance to-morrow at the Empire Theatre in a series of dramatic recitations. Among her selections will be "The Siege of Lucknow." "Enoch Arden" may also be included, with Richard Strauss's specially composed music.

The Ten Loonies, Sidney Lee, and W. J. Churchill are the star numbers on the New Cross Empire bill this week. Gus Elen and Alice Raymond go to the Stratford house. H. M. Vernon's new sketch, "The Three Thieves," together with Madge Temple, Claire Romaine, G. H. Elliott, and Wyndham and Kitty, are the principal attractions at Holloway Empire, and Vesta Tilley makes a reappearance at Hackney Empire.

The fifth annual concert in aid of the Theatre and Music Hall Employees will take place to-night. Mr. F. H. Pedgrift, of "The Era," who acts as a sort of intermediary between managers and artists, approached Mr. Oswald Stoll for permission to use the Coliseum in aid of the Employees' Benevolent Fund, of which Mr. Pedgrift is hon. treasurer, and to this request Mr. Oswald Stoll readily gave his consent.

"Stage Cricket," a novel act, will be introduced at the London Coliseum to-morrow. The opposing teams will be composed of members of the Middlesex and Surrey County Clubs. As at present constituted they are as follows:—Middlesex: Albert Trott, Mignon and J. T. Hearne. Surrey: W. Lees, Gooder, Marshall and Hitch. There will be a tournament of 12 games, which will be played in the quick tip and run style. Barton and Ashley will produce an act entirely new to town, by Matthews and Harris, entitled "Adam the Second."

His many friends will learn with deep regret of the death of Frank Lovesy, which occurred at his residence, 3, Rochester-terrace, Camden Town, on Thursday, after a few days' illness. Mr. Lucas, the proprietor of the Bedford Music Hall, which deceased had capably managed, would be the first to admit that Lovesy had, by his hard work and assiduous attentions to his duties, made the now vacant position hard to fill. Deceased was only 33, and leaves a wife and two children. The funeral takes place at Norwood.

There was no questioning the success of Miss Ruth Vincent's first appearance on the music hall stage at the Palace Theatre on Monday. Her singing delighted everyone, and although Verdi's "Oh Fors 'e Lui" was not delivered throughout in perfect tune, it was sung so brilliantly as to call forth a warm demand for more. The response was "Comin' Through the Rye." Miss Vincent looked very charming in a dress of pink satin, and before she finally retired had presented to her a handsome bouquet. She had every reason to be delighted with her reception, it was uncommonly enthusiastic.

One of the first English protean artists, R. A. Roberts, is undoubtedly one of the best. And he does nothing better than "Dick Turpin," in which he enacts with such remarkable skill and variety five characters. He is now a star turn in the Oxford bill and no one should miss seeing his most engrossing performance. If we don't see the faithful Black Bess we hear the clatter of her hoofs, and so cleverly is the dramatic interest developed that it is with a feeling of real relief that we hear the gallant gentleman of the road riding away on his faithful mare. There are plenty more good turns in the Oxford programme—Joe Elvin in "Deaf" and Gunner Moir's exhibition boxing, for instance—but for real interest and cleverness there is nothing to beat Roberts and "Dick Turpin."

TOO MANY PAUPERS.

In a report submitted to the Lambeth Board of Guardians by the Workhouses Committee it was stated that in the Renfrew-rd. Workhouse there are 141 beds above the certified accommodation. In four dormitories the extra beds blocked the fire escape doors, and in case of fire the danger would be great. The clerk said that none of the other London guardians could accommodate any of the surplus paupers. The other boards seemed, indeed, to be in difficulties as well as Lambeth. The Rev. W. Hobbs suggested that some of the paupers should be placed in the Brixton boarding-houses. The guardians instructed the master to remove the beds from the fire exits.

THE LADY'S DRESS.

FELLOW TENANTS OBJECTED.

EXTRAORDINARY CASE.

A curious case came before his Honour Judge Howland Roberts. It arose out of an action brought by Geo. H. Barrett, a glass merchant, of Warwick-rd., Ealing, against Mrs. Craig, a lady of independent means, of Ranelagh-rd., Ealing, to recover possession of the flat she occupied. Briefly the plaintiff's case was that he wanted Mrs. Craig to leave, and served her with a notice to quit by post.—In reply to Mr. Wilfrid Firth, who appeared for defendant, plaintiff said Mrs. Craig had paid the rent regularly.—Mr. Wilfrid Firth: Then why are you bringing the action? Why do you want to get rid of her?—Plaintiff: Well, as a matter of fact, she is undesirable, because she does not dress properly. The other ladies who occupy adjoining flats complain that she dresses worse than a rag and bone woman, and when they have visitors it causes them annoyance.

Their Social Position.

—Mr. Firth: But surely a lady may dress as she likes in her own flat; perhaps it is a matter of eccentricity.—Plaintiff admitted receiving from defendant a letter, of which the following is a copy, which he tore up:—"Referring to the very extraordinary interview you obtained of me last Tuesday, I have only to say I shall not quit my rooms. I am sorry for the unpleasant position in which you have evidently been placed by a complaint utterly unreasonable and untrue. If the two ladies referred to are so afraid of their social position, I wonder they leave their daily marketings for hours on your front steps and portico. I can only repeat my regret at so unusual a little contretemps. You may rest assured I shall remain the same inoffensive tenant I have always been found." This he described as a "rambling, silly, disjointed, incoherent letter."—Plaintiff admitted reading to defendant a newspaper article on "How to get out a refractory tenant," but explained that he wanted to get her out "like a gentleman would get a lady out."—Mr. Firth contended that the notice to quit was not a legal one, and, upholding this view, his honour gave judgment for defendant, and awarded Mr. Firth costs.

THEATRE GUTTED.

DESTRUCTIVE OUTBREAK AT WINDSOR.

The Theatre Royal at Windsor has been burned down. The fire was discovered shortly before five o'clock in the morning. The Windsor fire brigade were called, and were smartly on the scene, followed by the Windsor Castle and Eton brigades, and the outbreak was got under within an hour, but only the lower part of the auditorium was saved. The theatre is the property of Sir Wm. Shipley, and the lessee is Mr. Jasper Redfern, of Sheffield. Miss Grace Warner's company, who were occupying the theatre, lost all their property and scenery. A piece called "The Scarlet Clue," in which firebrands were brought into play, was being performed, and it is thought possible that some sparks from these were the cause of the outbreak.

VIEW OF THE STAGE AND BOXES, WITH SAFETY CURTAIN. [Photo by "Topical."

WEST-END ADVENTURE.

NOTORIOUS WOMAN THIEF CAUGHT AT LAST.

At the Clerkenwell Sessions, a smartly-dressed young woman named Edith Squelch, 24, was convicted of having stolen a gold watch and chain, value £50, from John Baldwin, an independent gentleman, living in a flat at Burleigh-mansions, Charing Cross-rd.—According to prosecutor's evidence, at about 11.30 on the night of Dec. 18 he saw prisoner standing on the steps of an hotel in Leicester-sq. Mistaking her for another girl, he spoke to her, and invited her to have a drink, after which they parted company, and he went towards his home. He noticed, however, that she followed, and, catching him up, they went into his flat. After she had been there a few minutes' she complained of illness, and he left the room

TO GET BRANDY.

On his return she still complained of being unwell, and he suggested she should leave. He saw her downstairs, and later realised that she had stolen his property, and had hurriedly ransacked a bureau.—Det.-sergt. West said the woman was one of the most notorious, clever, and fortunate thieves in the West-End. She had lived with a man of bad character, and with others generally adopted a system of having three addresses, one to live at, and the others to take gentlemen to for the purposes of robbery. She had been bound over in 1904 for stealing bank notes in a cab, and in 1906 her companion cashed on Doncaster racecourse £100 in notes stolen from an Indian gentleman she had been seen with. In 1906 a man who accused her of theft did not proceed, and she was acquitted.—Sentence was postponed.

"THAT FOREIGNER."

A TARIFF REFORM PLAY.

AMUSING BURLESQUE.

A novelty in the form of a purely political play will be given next Thursday evening in the Victoria Hall, North Kensington. Its title is "That Foreigner," and it is described as "a political parable in three acts, by T. Comyn Platt and Alan H. Burgoyne." Mr. Burgoyne, one of the authors, will be the Unionist and Tariff Reform candidate for North Kensington at the next election. He states that the play is intended to forward the interests of Tariff Reform, and has arranged the following amusing cast:—

Sir John Bull, Bart. (a country squire) ... Mr. Alan Hughes
Herr Smit von Squeeze (a German trader) ... Mr. Arthur Gardiner
Mr. Nearly Done (a tenant farmer) ... Mr. Archibald Browne
Charles Beet (a foreman) ... Mr. Arthur King
Richard Parsnip (a waggoner) ... Mr. R. H. Shelton
Ann Beet (wife of C. Beet) ... Miss Dorothy Lamb
Mary Oats (niece of above, an Irish dairymaid) ... Miss Elly Wilson

Synopsis of Scenes.

Acts I. and III.—A cottage parlour in the homestead of Charles Beet.

Act II.—In the grounds of Britain Park, the seat of Sir John Bull, Bt.

Dresses by Messrs. Wearers and Selves, hats by Mme. Edeover, footwear by Messrs. Trip and Walker.

Scenery of Acts I. and III. by A. Paynter, scenery of Act II. by S. Auie.

Notice.—The audience are particularly requested not to throw eggs or vegetables at Herr Smit von Squeeze. He is appearing for one night only, and will be deported under the Undesirable Aliens Act subsequent to the performance.

A Topical Programme.

The programme is amusingly pressed into the service. There is a "stop press," stating that "the rumour that the Government is about to fulfil a promise has been officially contradicted." An advertisement is of "the Liberophone; new records, noise guaranteed." Some of the records are "Banged, Bolted, and Barred—a Colonial breakdown, by W. S. Churchill"; "They can't diddle me—Mr. Asquith's great score"; "I'm a fine old English gentleman—Keir Hardie"; and "Not in the Cabinet yet—sung by our little Winston." There are also advertised "Little Winston cigarettes; the finest product of Uganda—you goose. Always end in smoke. Warranted to make a church ill." The "Westminster Jumble Sale" consists of:

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THE LADIES' DILEMMA.

THEY SPEND THE NIGHT IN A MOTOR-CAR.

Mrs. Geo. Holman, Mayoress of Lewes, and a party of ladies had an unpleasant motoring adventure the other night. They had been to a concert at Newhaven, and were returning to Lewes, when the car, a powerful one, suddenly stopped, leaving them stranded on a lonely country road, about seven miles from Lewes. The chauffeur spent some hours trying to right matters, and the policeman on night duty also came to the party's assistance. The car, however, would not budge, and no other conveyance being available, the ladies made the best of it, and tried to go to sleep in the car. A mailman driving to Newhaven early in the morning secured a trap, and, much to the relief of the mayor, the ladies made their appearance in evening dress at Lewes at seven o'clock in the morning.

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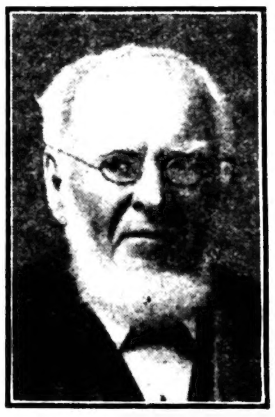
MR. J. BRINSMEAD.

DEATH OF FAMOUS PIANO MAKER.

A SUCCESSFUL CAREER.

The death has just occurred of Mr. Jno. Brinsmead, founder of the well-known piano firm, at the age of 93. He passed away without knowing of his devoted wife's death six weeks ago, for he has been scarcely conscious since that event. Mr. John Brinsmead was born on Oct. 13, 1814, in N. Devon, and was apprenticed as a cabinet maker at Torrington. As soon as his apprenticeship was over he came up to London—not with his pack on his back like Dick Whittington, as often depicted, but by steamer. Assisted by his father he started the pianoforte firm at Windmill-st. in partnership with his brother Henry. It was not all plain sailing then, and his early success was largely due to the help given him by his wife. He married Miss Susan Brown, whose father was an officer in the 92nd Highlanders, who fought under Sir Ralph Abercrombie in Egypt. Miss Brown was at that time, though only 22 years of age, at the head of a flourishing corset-making business. She counted among her customers Princesses and titled ladies. Mr. Brinsmead had by this time dissolved partnership with his brother, and was soon able to move to larger premises in Charlotte-st., where most of his children were born.



THE LATE MR. JOHN BRINSMEAD. [Photo by "Topical."

A Royal Message.

In addition to the manufacture of pianofortes he did a large trade in timber, and he was thus enabled to get over the losses caused by a fire at his factory in 1850. As time went on his sons grew up and helped to build up the business further. The youngest son, Mr. Horace G. Brinsmead, created the Colonial market, while Messrs. Tom and Edgar pushed the home trade. There are now no sons in the business, the two mentioned being dead, while Mr. Horace Brinsmead, for a while managing director of the company, has a business of his own. At the 70th anniversary of the wedding of the old couple on June 3 last, the King and Queen each sent a message of congratulation. Nearly all the 24 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren were present, and Miss Emily Brinsmead, who has devoted her life to looking after her parents, announced the inauguration of a provident fund for the firm.

CHORUS GIRL'S BABY.

SORDID STORY OF CHILD DESERTION.

The case of Alice Louisa Finch, the young chorus girl, who was charged, on remand, at Brentford, with deserting her infant son and leaving him chargeable to the union funds, assumed a more sordid complexion at the adjourned hearing.—Mr. W. Stephens, the clerk to the Brentford Board of Guardians, appeared to prosecute. He stated that the cost to the guardians had been over £13; he did not, however, ask for an order for payment, but that some punishment might be imposed on the prisoner. Her case was no better than that of many others who had been punished, though there appeared to be an impression that she was deserving of sympathy.

LEFT TO ITS FATE.

Accused left her child and never made any inquiries as to his fate, though she was earning, when engaged at the Sheffield pantomime, 27s. 6d. a week. She paid 4s. weekly for the support of another child. Prisoner had three children, and although for some time last year she had been out of employment, she had been living under the protection of a man of colour, who was studying for the Bar, but she never made any inquiries after her child, nor did she let her mother know where she was. Accused had never taken any proceedings in respect of the paternity of any of the three children.—Mr. Watson said the Bench agreed that Mr. Stephens was quite justified in the remarks he had made, and they would remand accused in custody in order to see if they could do anything for her.

PORTRAITS FOR THE KING.

The King has commissioned Mr. W. Strang, A.R.A., to paint portraits of Mr. George Meredith and Lord Cromer (both of whom have had conferred upon them the Order of Merit). The pictures are to find a resting-place in the royal collection at Windsor.

In their report for last year the directors of the Empire Theatre, Leicester-square, announce a net profit of £15,046 and a dividend at the rate of 16 2-3 per cent.

Mr. A. F. Lovesy, manager of the Bedford Music Hall, Camden Town, has died at his residence, 3, Rochester-terrace, Camden-rd., N.W. He was 33 years of age, and had only been ill a few days.

ROSHERVILLE GARDENS.

Wide publicity has been given to the rumour that Rosherville Gardens are to be closed. This is not the case. At the local licensing sessions, the permanent transfer of the license of the gardens has been made from Mr. A. E. Radcliffe to Mr. W. C. Fletcher, of Gravesend. Mr. Clinch, solicitor, in asking that the contribution to the compensation fund should be reduced to one-third, said Rosherville Gardens might be opened next year. It had been reported, he added, that the gardens had been sold for manufacturing purposes, but he was told that that was not a fact.—The Bench assented to the application.

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HEATED DEBATE IN THE COMMONS.

"TRAFFIC IN TITLES."

SUGGESTED PAYMENT OF £150,000 BY A PEER.

Lively scenes were witnessed in the House of Commons this week when Mr. Hilaire Belloc, the Radical M.P. for S. Salford, brought forward his motion on the secrecy of political funds. He moved

> That this House regrets the secrecy under which political funds are accumulated and administered, and regards such secrecy as a peril to its privileges and character.

—Mr. Belloc said it was not the existence of these political funds that he complained of, but their secrecy.—Mr. H. C. Lea (R., E. St. Pancras) said he was glad to have the opportunity of repeating what he said in the House last July—that titles and honours were bought and sold, and that the proceeds went to fill the coffers of both political parties. The amount of corruption which took place during the Tory régime, for which the Leader of the Opposition and the Chief Opposition Whip were responsible——The Deputy-Speaker: Do I understand that to be a direct charge of corruption against the right hon. gentlemen? If so it is entirely out of order. (Cheers.)—Mr. Lea said that he withdrew any reference of a personal nature; but he said that political corruption during the régime of the present leader of the Opposition from 1903 to 1905 had reached such a stage that the tariff for titles and decorations was well-known in the City of London, while the percentage of the commission allowed to the introducer of the customer for them was equally well known. (Laughter and cheers.)

£150,000 for a Peerage.

He further pointed out that the market price of these honours went as high as £150,000. ("No, no.") Aye, aye; he knew what he was talking about. (Laughter.) He had examined the honours list for the last five years. He had omitted from his calculations all additions to the Orders of the Bath or St. Michael and St. George, or any other tom-fool order of the kind. (Cries of "Order.") From November, 1903, to December, 1905, the Tory party were responsible for the creation of 13 peers, 16 Privy Councillors, 33 baronets, and 76 knights—a total of 138 honours in two years; and 36 of the recipients, or 28.1 per cent.—(laughter)—were members of the House of Commons. From December, 1905, to November, 1907, the Liberal party created 20 peers, 19 Privy Councillors, 33 baronets, and 95 knights—a total of 167 honours; and 37 of the recipients, or 22.1 per cent., were members of the House of Commons. For two years he had sat on a committee, the chairman of which in 1906 became a knight. The members at the next meeting vied with one another in their congratulations, except for one gentleman, who declared his opinion that the man who accepted a knighthood was a subject for pity and commiseration. Imagine his surprise when, eight months later, that man who struck this jarring note himself became a subject for commiseration.

A Heated Scene.

Later in the evening came a remarkable personal episode. The Radical member for Haggerston, Sir Randal Cremer, entered the House, and shortly after rose to speak. From his first few words it became apparent that he considered himself one of the two Liberals referred to by Mr. Lea as receiving titles and being "objects of pity." Sir Randal Cremer was seated below the gangway almost immediately behind Mr. H. C. Lea. "I want your permission, Mr. Speaker," he said, "to challenge the statement and to give to it the most direct denial." He turned to Mr. Lea, sitting in front of him, and said, with great intensity, "A denial of the most absolute character. The hon. member knows what that means." Mr. Lea rose. Instantly the Speaker was on his feet. "Sir Randal Cremer," he said, and Mr. Lea sat down. Sir Randal Cremer went on. "There is no shadow of truth in the statement made by the member for St. Pancras. The statement he has put into my mouth has not a shadow of foundation. I have been a member of this House for 22 years, and I have never been charged in this way before. Charged on this authority here." He pointed to Mr. Lea.

"Concentrated Humbug."

—Mr. Lea: I have listened to what the hon. member for Haggerston has said. My opinion of it is that it is one concentrated humbug. —The Speaker: Do I understand the hon. member applies that expression to the hon. member for Haggerston.—Mr. Lea: I applied it to the speech he has just made.—The Speaker: It is not an expression to apply in this House to the speech of any member. I hope the hon. member will withdraw it. "Withdraw, withdraw!" cried the House.—Mr. Lea: In deference to your ruling I withdraw. But I spoke the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. If it can be proved before a Committee of this House that I have told an untruth, I will resign my seat at once.—Sir S. T. Evans, loudly cheered on rising to make his first speech as Solicitor-General, urged the withdrawal of the resolution. He pointed out how such excellent members as Mr. Belloc himself became members under the present system.—The motion was talked out.

UNDER THE FLAG.

Lord Rosebery presented Union Jacks to 53 Edinburgh schools from the Victoria League. He said it was because that flag stood for good government, liberty, and Christianity that they honoured the flag. In all circumstances must the unity of the flag be maintained. He reminded them that they were the citizens of the greatest Empire the world had ever seen, and whenever they were tempted to do something base, vile, or cowardly they were to look up to the flag and forbear.

AFTER 50 YEARS.

MUTINY VETERAN'S REWARD.

A FINE ACHIEVEMENT.

The splendid achievement of a civilian during the Indian Mutiny, 51 years ago, has just been recognised. The India Office has informed Mr. E. J. Churcher that he has been awarded a pension of £100 per annum from Jan. 1, 1908. Mr. Churcher is indebted to the direct intervention of the King, through his Majesty's private secretary, Lord Knollys, for this recognition of a romantic deed. Mr. Churcher, now 76 years old, is a tall, commanding figure. In July, 1857, when the Mutiny was at its height and Agra deluged with blood, Mr. J. Russell Colvin, the hapless Lieutenant-Governor of the United Provinces, sent Mr. Churcher, a young civilian, to attempt to restore British authority in Etah, a town and fort 70 miles away from Agra on the high road from Delhi to Cawnpore. An order for 5,000 rupees, the greater part uncashed, is one of Mr. Churcher's treasured possessions. With this he was to raise a force and do his work. How his ragged force marched from Agra; how they caught and flogged a Rajah 20 miles away, who three months before had robbed Mr. Churcher's father and mother; how they came through at last to Etah, are incidents which would provide absorbing narratives. But the great incident was the taking of Etah.

The Rebel Sikhs.

"I came to Etah in August, 1857, with 100 horsemen and 150 foot," said Mr. Churcher, "and called upon the Rajah to allow me to occupy the fort for the British. He planted a green flag on the wall, proclaimed himself a vice-gerent of the King of Delhi, and refused admission. That evening, camped in the mango grove, near the fort, I heard that twenty Sikhs who had mutinied from a regiment at Benares were approaching. Knowing the dare-devil character of these men, I sent for their chief and offered him and his men Rs.100 each for a night's work. They agreed. With heel ropes and branches of the mango trees they made storming ladders, which they carried in the dead of night and placed against the walls of the fort. Up they went, and I followed, while my men went round to the gate of the fort. It was a forlorn hope, but it succeeded.

The Rajah's Plight.

I remember well, running along the ramparts with a spy, who knew the fort, and one of the Sikhs, looking in the darkness for the Rajah. We found him sitting in his room with attendants on either side. He was a fat man and slow to move. Through the glass doors we, being in the darkness, could see him well. My Sikh raised his musket and smashed in the doors. I rushed in, a pistol in one hand, a sword in the other. The attendants drew their swords. I threatened to shoot the Rajah first and them afterwards, whereupon they fled, and I secured my prisoner. Meanwhile the Rajah's soldiers had attempted to fly by the gate of the fort, and later we counted forty dead in one spot. Next morning the fort was surrounded by the people of the town. I took the Rajah to the gate, and announced from the wall above it that I would hang him on the spot and turn the ten guns, which we captured on the ramparts, upon the town if they did not disperse."

Wounded and Sick.

Thus was Etah taken. For six months, until the end of the Mutiny, Mr. Churcher maintained authority, collected revenue, which he sent to the relief of Agra, and kept the trunk road clear of rebels. Wounded and sick, he came to England when the Mutiny was suppressed. Returning again, he found that a native clerk, whose loyalty he had commended, had been made Rajah of Etah, receiving in place of his clerk's salary of Rs.7 per month a fortune of £30,000. For nearly half a century following the Mutiny, Mr. Churcher, who is a barrister, acted as unpaid special magistrate in the United Provinces. He is now living in a quiet flat in West London.

THE EDWARD MEDAL.

SISTER TO RECEIVE REWARD OF BROTHER'S GALLANTRY.

"The London Gazette" announces that the King has been pleased to allow Miss Margaret Jane Lamb, of Newcastle, to receive the Edward Medal of the First Class in recognition of the gallant action of her brother, the late George Huddleston Lamb, who lost his life in endeavouring to save the lives of five men at a fire at the Strathcona Co.'s mine, at Strathcona, in the Province of Alberta, Canada, on June 8, 1907. There were two shafts in the mine—a hoisting shaft and an air shaft. The engineer of the mine woke Lamb at about 11.25 p.m., when the fire was discovered, and told him that there were five men in the mine. Lamb descended three times, once by the air shaft, and having found the men urged them to escape by the ladder, saying he would remain until they ascended. One man made an attempt, but returned. Lamb himself then succeeded in reaching the surface, but his clothes were in flames, and he died shortly afterwards from the effect of his injuries. The others seem to have endeavoured to follow him, but failed, either because they were overcome by the smoke or because the ladder was burned.

EDITOR AT THE BAR.

To answer the charge of mutilating a letter sent by a jurat, in which the latter complained that his speech had been misreported, the managing editor of the Jersey "Times" appeared at the Bar of the States (Parliament). He admitted an error of judgment on the part of a subordinate, but would not admit incompetency. The President of the States expressed the Assembly's high appreciation of the honourable way in which the difficulty had been met by the directors and managing editor of the paper, and the States unanimously accepted the apology offered.

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ELECTION NEWS.

A WALK OVER AT W. WORCESTER.

N. LEITRIM.—RESULT.

There will be no contest in the Bewdley Division of Worcestershire for the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. A. Baldwin. The Conservative Association have unanimously adopted Mr. S. Baldwin, son of the late member, and the Radicals have decided not to oppose his return. At the General Election the Unionist majority was 3,194.

NORTH LEITRIM.

Polling took place on Friday in N. Leitrim to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Chas. Dolan, as a Nationalist, to stand as a Sinn Fein candidate. The result was declared yesterday as follows:—

Mr. F. Meehan (N.)	3,089
Mr. C. Dolan (S.F.)	1,246
Majority	1,843

The last contested election took place in 1900, when Mr. P. A. M'Hugh (N.) was returned with 4,025 votes over his Conservative opponent, Mr. C. J. Singleton, who received 383 votes. In 1906 Mr. M'Hugh was returned unopposed, but on electing to sit for North Sligo (where he had also been returned) the seat went to Mr. C. J. Dolan, who was elected unopposed.

CARMARTHENSHIRE (W.).

The nomination has been fixed for Wednesday, and the polling, if any, for the following Monday. No opposition to the re-election of Mr. Lloyd Morgan (R.), the new Recorder for Swansea, is anticipated.

NEXT GENERAL ELECTION

CORNWALL (S.E.).—Mr. Freeman Thomas, M.P. (R.), denies a report that he contemplates retiring.

CUMBERLAND (N.).—Mr. Muir Ritchie, a strong Fiscal Reformer, has been selected as U. candidate.

HAMPSTEAD.—Mr. F. G. Howard is the prospective R. candidate.

LEITH BURGHS.—Mr. G. L. Watson, of Leith (U.), is the prospective candidate.

LINCOLNSHIRE (GAINSBOROUGH).—Mr. G. J. Bentham has been adopted as prospective R. candidate.

SOMERSET (N.).—Mr. Bateman Hope, M.P. (R.), will not stand again.

DETECTIVE'S STRATAGEM.

Pending the result of police communication with the Director of Public Prosecutions, Edwd. Stafford, late coal merchant in business in Chatham, was remanded, at Chatham, on a charge of having, whilst an undischarged bankrupt, obtained credit from a Newcastle firm to the amount of nearly £600.—The stipendiary magistrate refused bail.—Accused left the country during the time the official bankruptcy inquiries were proceeding, and on his return the police effected his arrest by stratagem, a constable, in the guise of a commercial traveller with sample-bag and visiting-cards, obtaining an interview with him.

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TRANSVAAL.

GOVERNMENT'S CHANGE OF FRONT.

SEQUEL TO THE CHINESE LIE.

MADAGASCAR 'SLAVES' FOR THE MINES.

The Chinese "Slavery" lie with which the Radicals won the last General Election has come home to roost with a vengeance. They claimed that more than sufficient native labour was available to work the mines in the Transvaal, and determined that the Coolies from China should be immediately repatriated. When the Unionist Government went out of office some 40,000 Chinese were employed in South Africa. Despite a bribe of £5,000,000 to Botha to expedite the repatriation, over 20,000 Chinese are still working in the Transvaal mines. When heckled on the matter, the Premier having secured a record majority with a record number of misrepresentations on the subject, declared that the employment of labour for the mines was "a domestic question" which the Transvaal should decide for itself. There for the time the matter ended.

Startling Sequel.

That native labour is not available in sufficient quantity has all along been realised by the Unionists, who shaped their policy accordingly. That they were right subsequent events prove. Attempts were first made to recruit Hereros from German South-West Africa to replace the Chinese, although on the statement of Mr. Winston Churchill made in the House of Commons in July, 1907, "The supply of native labour is, and has for some time been, in marked excess of the demand." This attempt failed. The Transvaal Government have now turned their attention to Madagascar, respecting which the Under-Secretary of the Colonies made a startling admission in the Lower House. A question on the subject was put by Mr. Claude Hay, the Unionist M.P. for Hoxton, and in reply Mr. Winston Churchill said:

The Transvaal Government proposes to find out from the French Government whether they can receive sanction for the recruiting of indentured labour from Madagascar for the Transvaal mines.

Mr. Hay asked what reply the Government had given to the representations of the Transvaal Government.

Mr. Churchill: I really do not understand what representations the hon. gentleman is referring to. The Transvaal Government have asked us to do certain things, and we are making inquiries to see whether we can do them or not.

Mr. Austen Chamberlain asked the right hon. gentleman if he could lay the communications which had passed on the table, as that would give the information asked for.

Mr. Churchill: The right hon. gentleman knows I have no authority to say upon my own account what papers shall or shall not be laid on the table; but if a question in that sense is put down I will bring it to the notice of my noble friend.

Sir G. Parker (Gravesend) asked if the Transvaal Government had discovered that there were not sufficient labourers for the Transvaal mines and were going to Madagascar to get them.

Mr. Churchill: I cannot draw the inferences from the facts which the hon. member suggests.

Hypocrisy and Failure.

The foregoing answers contain admissions of hypocrisy and failure, such as this Government have never exceeded. They imply a return to the system of indentured labour which, when applied to Chinamen, was denounced on every platform in the kingdom. They also show that there is no truth in the statements so often made by Ministers in the House of Commons that the supply of native labour in the Transvaal is equal to the demands of the mines. In the last seven months there has been no undue mortality among the Kaffirs, and the increased output of the mines has certainly not been so great as to exhaust the "marked excess" of native labour spoken of by the mouthpieces of the Government. There has been nothing in the politics of the last decade so remarkable as the swiftness with which the "Chinese lie" that helped so much to win the General Election for the Government has recoiled on the Radical party.

L.C.C. STEAMBOATS.

COUNCIL DECIDE TO SELL OR LEASE THEM.

At the end of a two-hours' discussion the London County Council sealed the fate of the Thames steamboat fleet. By 74 votes to 45, the Highways Committee were instructed to open negotiations for the sale or lease of the boats. The total loss on the service since it was inaugurated is £137,000, while the out-standing debt, including that on the piers, is £277,556. The Highways Committee stated that the cost to the rates of running the service next summer would be £42,075, and if the boats were laid up the deficiency would be £34,330.

THE VOICE OF LONDON.

Mr. Whitaker Thompson, the chairman of the Highways Committee, pointed out that the ratepayers of London a year ago decided with no uncertain voice against the steamboats, and that in making their proposals they were only carrying out their instructions.—Sir John McDougall argued that it was childish "to lay up the boats," which gave pleasure to thousands of visitors to London.—Mr. Peel, the Reform leader, said, "Not being able to run the service on business lines, as they hoped to do, the other side wanted it run for the pleasure of visitors from the provinces. Any undertaking which did not pay and showed no signs of doing so should be closed down."

"A LIFT" AND ITS SEQUEL.

A youth named Archie Williams, of Plassey-st., Penarth, was charged at Penarth with assaulting Annie Foley, aged 11.—The girl said that she was walking home from school at Cogan with a companion named Nellie James. Defendant overtook them driving a horse and covered cart, and the girl James asked for a lift. Williams told them to jump up. He drove on, and took her (witness) on his knee.—P.C. Jas. Ings, Eastbrook, arrested prisoner at Penarth, and in reply to the charge he said "I'm very sorry; it won't occur again."—Williams was committed for trial at the quarter sessions.

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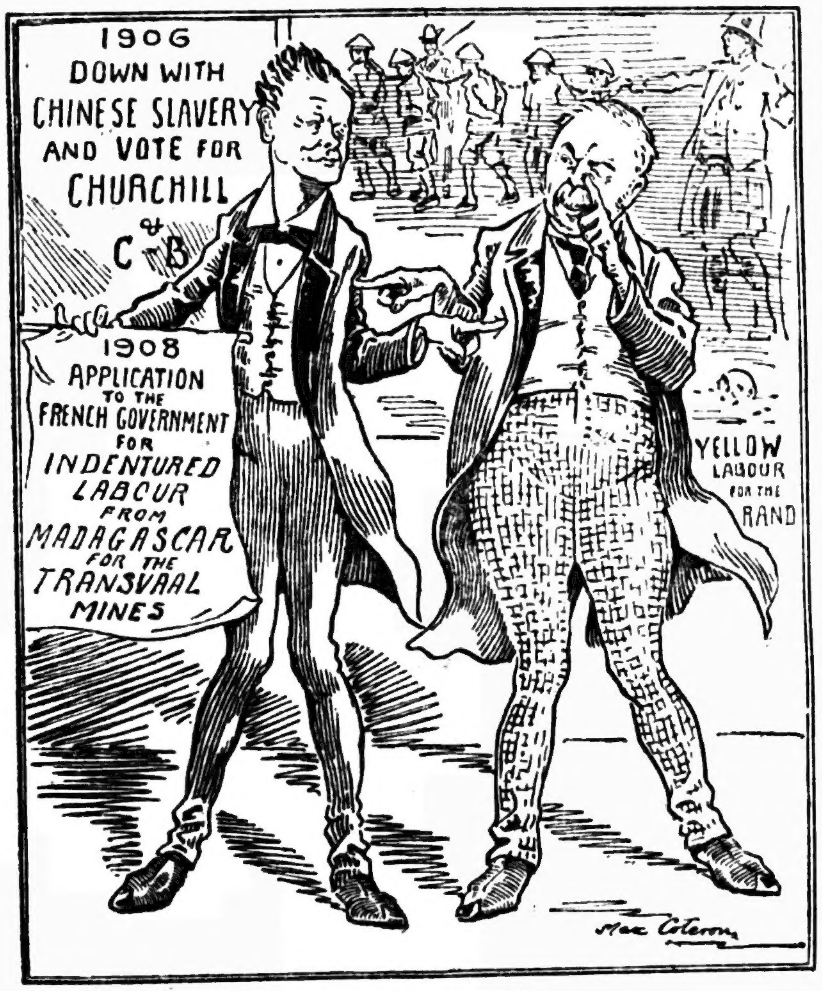
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THE WEEK IN PARLIAMENT.

The present Session has had one predominating characteristic—it has been utterly and unutterably dull. Three weeks have passed since the Speech from the Throne was read, and hardly a speaker on either side has drawn blood. In great part this fact is due, no doubt, to the continual absence of the "big men." During the debates on the Opposition Front Bench Amendment to the Address Mr. Balfour was "hors de combat," and without him the Unionists seem quite unable to make any serious attack. So soon as the leader of the Opposition returned to work the Prime Minister fell ill. Their colleagues on both Front Benches have one by one retired for a period to the sick room, and the numbers of the rank and file who have fallen victims to the influenza microbe have driven the Party Whips to distraction.

Monday.

On Monday, however, the House presented an appearance of greater animation when Lord Percy rose to move a resolution upon the Anglo-Russian Convention. A goodly array of Ministers and ex-Ministers were seated upon the two Front Benches. Members of the Unionist and Radical parties had arrived in full force, and many of them followed the speeches with maps of Asia spread out upon their knees. Only the Nationalist Benches were empty, since foreign affairs (except when there is an enemy of England to champion) do not appear to greatly concern their occupants.

Lord Percy is one of the most interesting as he is certainly one of the most brilliant of the younger Unionists. From the outset he made it clear, in his well-thought-out address, that the motion was brought forward in no party spirit, but that its object was to elicit information and to call attention to certain dangers in the Convention from which the Opposition desired to disclaim responsibility. Next came Sir Edward Grey, quiet, concentrated and powerful. He defended the Convention at all points—declared that the strategic advantages gained were an ample compensation for the commercial advantages conceded.

Finally Mr. Balfour rose to his feet. With characteristic nimbleness of mind he seized upon the weak points of Sir Edward Grey's defence. The Ministry had gone far to destroy the isolated buffer formed by Afghanistan; they had given to Russia commercial advantages for which they had not obtained any corresponding concession. In Tibet and Persia the Russians again had scored. England had once more paid too high a price for the advantages which had been offered by Russia. This was the verdict of Mr. Balfour upon the situation, and this will be the verdict of many in the country.

Tuesday and Wednesday.

On Tuesday and Wednesday the Scottish Bills were discussed, the most important of which is to introduce into parts of Scotland at a preliminary expense of £65,000 per annum the system of land tenure which it has cost the British taxpayer £120,000,000 to eradicate in Ireland. Discussed save the mark! A few hours were devoted to each, and down came the guillotine. Proper consideration is impossible with tactics such as these.

Thursday.

On Thursday we had Estimates again, and John Bull was asked to pay the extra cost involved in Mr. Birrell's refusal to enforce the law in Ireland. Not even the Suffragettes enlivened these three dreary days by inventing some new method of storming the portals of Westminster. It is their "self-denial" week, and until that is over the unhappy policemen who guard the Gates of Paradise are safe from these political Peris.

Friday.

With Friday, however, came a matter of greater interest, namely a Bill to establish Wages Boards for Sweated Industries. The speeches of Mr. Toulmin and Mr. Percy Alden were admirable—businesslike, short, and sympathetic. While the Radical member for Bury was pleading for the victims of the infamous sweating system I could not help thinking of Tom Hood's famous lines:—

> "Oh, men with sisters dear,
> Oh, men with mothers and wives,
> It is not linen you're wearing out
> But human creatures' lives."

Sir Fredk. Banbury opposed the Bill as Socialism in disguise, but, if this be Socialism, many of us are Socialists without knowing it. The member for the City of London does not, however, represent the younger Tory party, and most of these supported the general objects of the Bill, which also received the blessing of Mr. Alfred Lyttelton from the Front Opposition Bench. It has certain contentious details, no doubt, but the object is good, and it may yet be knocked into workable shape if the Government give it a chance. Anyway Mr. Toulmin, Radical though you are, you should have the approval of every humane man in your crusade against sweating. The only thing is, why don't you go a step further, and keep out the pauper aliens, who are the cause of half the mischief?

The Coming Week.

Next week we shall get to business. To-morrow the nation has to know whether the anti-British brigade have succeeded in getting the Naval Estimates cut down. Also, we are to have the Education Bill. This is to be followed on Thursday by the Licensing Bill, and then we shall get the gloves off. With one thing and another the Radicals have many difficulties ahead of them—not the least serious of which is the sad fact that poor old "C.-B." seems pretty well done, and that it is quite certain he cannot return to active life in the House of Commons, even if for a time he continues to act as consulting physician.

"THE PEOPLE'S" M.P.

A Mohawk Indian, rejoicing in the name of J. Ojijateka Brant-Sero, will give a lecture at the Chandos Hall this evening on "Canada from a Mohawk point of view."

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AGONISING RHEUMATISM.

"He had to take to his bed at once, with his ankles greatly swollen, and with agonising Rheumatic pains shooting through his legs and feet. [illegible] he lay [illegible] the slightest movement would excite the pains, and in his agony beads of perspiration stood out upon his forehead.

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The Prize Money has been equally divided amongst the following competitors:—Lily Headland, National School, Ruskington, near Sleaford. (A "plight" without "troth" I foresee). A. J. Hood, Ostrohove, Boulogne-sur-Mer. (Don't try on your "fine arts" with me). F. Bromley, 7, First Street, Chelsea, S.W. (Such "Sauce" is not "relished" by me). Emily Hill, 37, Norton Road, Hove. (Her cupidity "cupid ditty") fair frightens me). J. S. Brackett, 3, Hosack Road, Balham, S.W. (You're too "cheap dear"—In fact you are "free.").

A JEWELLER'S WIFE.

STRANGE DIVORCE STORY.

NEPHEW CO-RESPONDENT

EMPHATIC DENIALS OF MISCONDUCT.

Further strange and contradictory evidence was given in the Divorce Court this week when the hearing of the petition was resumed of Mr. Lawrence, a jeweller, residing in the Uxbridge-rd., who charges his wife with misconduct with Mr. Bertie Goodman, a dentist, and nephew of Mr. Lawrence, and also with Mr. Arthur Ansell, a bookmaker. Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence were married about 10 years ago, and had three children. In 1905 Mr. Bertie Goodman, a nephew of petitioner, came to live in the house. With petitioner's aid, so Mr. Lawrence said, Goodman started a dental practice in High-st., Notting Hill Gate, and Mrs. Lawrence used to visit the rooms in order, she said, to help in keeping Goodman's books.

Forbidden the House.

Petitioner noticed that his wife and Goodman were much together while she was cool towards him (petitioner). A Mr. Arthur Ansell, bookmaker, was a friend of Goodman's, having offices in the same building in High-st., Notting Hill Gate, and he used to call at petitioner's house. Ultimately petitioner forbade Goodman his house, and was later told by the servants that Goodman had been seen in Mrs. Lawrence's room. As to Mr. Ansell, it was said that he had called on Mrs. Lawrence late at night, and that they had been seen kissing. Petitioner then filed his petition for a divorce, alleging misconduct on the part of his wife with Goodman and Ansell, who were made co-respondents. The defence was a total denial of the charges of misconduct.

The Defence.

Evidence on behalf of Mr. Lawrence having been given and already reported in "The People," Mrs. Lawrence went into the box to deny the serious charges brought against her. Questioned as to Goodman counsel asked: Have you ever been to his bedroom? Yes; to wake him up in the morning. My husband knew I did this.—Upon any occasion have you ever kissed Mr. Goodman, and has he kissed you? Yes.—Did this take place in your husband's presence? Yes; I did not kiss him every morning. I have kissed him when he was going away for week-ends, but I did not make it the habit to kiss him.—Has Mr. Goodman given you presents? Yes; brooches, a handbag, rings, bracelets, gloves, and handkerchiefs.—Did your husband know about these presents? Yes, and he used to tell Mr. Goodman not to waste his money.

The Door Was Not Locked.

—Questioned as to the evidence against her, witness denied that Goodman had ever been in her bedroom with the door locked. When she was very ill Goodman used to look after her, and throughout that long illness her husband never objected to Mr. Goodman sitting with her. Mr. Ansell had a betting business at High-st., Notting Hill Gate, and she used to keep his books, as she had a small share in the business. Her husband was quite aware that she kept these books. She gave an emphatic denial to the charges of misconduct with one or other of the co-respondents. — Mrs. Lawrence, cross-examined by Sir Edwd. Carson, admitted that on the night Goodman was turned out of the house by her husband, she refused to promise not to speak to Goodman, with whom she had business relations.—Were you in love with Goodman?—Respondent: No, I don't think so.—You do not think so? I am sure I was not in love with him.

I Was Very Fond of Him

and liked him very much. Continuing, she said she only cared for Goodman as an aunt. Petitioner kept her short of money, and she did not want to give up her interest in Goodman's business.—You would not give up Goodman? There was nothing to give up in Goodman. It was true that after she left her house she went to High-st., Notting Hill Gate, where Goodman had his offices, but only to attend to the books and accounts.—Did you think it a decent, respectable thing to do, having regard to the circumstances in which Goodman had been turned out of the house, to pack up your clothes and take them to Goodman's house? It was my business house, too. I was as much interested in the business as Goodman was.—In the summer of 1907, while petitioner was at Margate, witness was watched by detectives, and one of them knocked at the door and offered some tea for sale. Afterwards when her husband spoke to her about her conduct she smacked his face, being somewhat excited.

Fighting for Her Reputation.

—Had you any regard for your reputation?—Respondent: Yes, and I am fighting for it now. As to Ansell's business, continued respondent, she received 3d. in the pound on his winnings. Her husband knew all about her interest in the two businesses. At High-st., Notting Hill Gate where she stayed after leaving her husband, there was no servant. A lady friend slept with her.—Continuing her evidence, witness said that when she returned from seeing her husband off to Germany, feeling ill herself, she rested on Goodman's bed. She did this because her own room was not ready. No doubt it was a foolish thing to do. The statements of the servants were, she said, absolute lies.

Co-respondent's Denials.

—Bertie Goodman, in the witness-box, denied any misconduct with the respondent. In answer to Sir E. Carson, Goodman denied that he was in love with Mrs. Lawrence.—You were fond of her?—Witness: Very.—Fonder of her than of any other woman? No.—Mr. Arthur Ansell, the other co-respondent, also denied misconduct with respondent.—The hearing will be resumed on Tuesday.

MURDERER REPRIEVED.

Walter Fensham, who was sentenced to death at the Central Criminal Court for the murder of his stepmother at St. James's-rd., Holloway, has been reprieved.

DEATH SENTENCE.

THE SURRENDER OF PORT ARTHUR.

STOESSEL'S FATE.

The trial of the officers concerned in the loss of Port Arthur has concluded. Gen. Stoessel was condemned to death, but without loss of rights or his honour. Gen. Fock was reprimanded, and Gen. Reuss and Smirnoff were acquitted. Gen. Stoessel was sentenced for surrendering the fortress before all means of defending it had been exhausted, for failing to enforce his authority, and for disciplinary misdemeanour. The court will, however, ask the Czar to commute the sentence to 10 years' imprisonment in a fortress, on the ground that Port Arthur, beset by overwhelming forces, defended itself under Gen. Stoessel's leadership with an example of stubbornness that filled the whole world with astonishment at the heroic courage of its garrison, that several assaults were repulsed with tremendous losses on the part of the enemy; that Gen. Stoessel throughout the siege maintained the heroic courage of the defenders; and, finally, on the ground that he has taken an energetic part in three campaigns.

GEN. STOESSEL.
[Photo, Gillisem Press Syndicate.

The Appeal for Clemency.

—Gen. Vodar, the president, read the judgment amidst tense silence. Gen. Stoessel reddened, but, by a great effort of self-control, otherwise displayed a rigid and soldierlike impassivity. Gen. Smirnoff, who stood with his hands in his pockets, was also seemingly unmoved, but Gen. Reuss had tears in his eyes. Gen. Stoessel was accompanied by his son, who is also in the army, and, after the sentence, was surrounded by friends and sympathisers, who kissed him and shook his hands repeatedly. He left the court leaning on his son's shoulder. The court was crowded to its utmost capacity, the greater part of the available space being occupied by officers. Many were accompanied by ladies, one or two of whom fainted when the sentence was delivered. In the gallery were a number of persons who had been through the siege of Port Arthur, and these subsequently sent a collective telegram to the Czar praying his Majesty's clemency for the condemned man. The Minister of War will forward the recommendation for mercy to the Czar.

DESERTED WIFE.

ENGINEER CHARGED WITH ABSCONDING.

Arthur Hill, 42, of respectable appearance, described as an engineer, of no fixed abode, was charged at Woolwich with having absconded and left his wife and two children chargeable to the guardians of the Woolwich Union; and further, was summoned by his wife, Jessie Hill, now of Frederick-place, Plumstead, for persistent cruelty.—Prisoner's wife and two children became chargeable on June 14, 1907, and remained so until Oct. 5. One child was still chargeable.—It transpired that the wife left her husband on May 31, after he had been

DISCHARGED FROM HIS EMPLOYMENT

as engineer at the Woolwich Infirmary, and issued a summons against him for persistent cruelty. To that summons he failed to appear.—Prisoner said that seeing no possibility of obtaining employment in the district, he had been to South-East Africa, where he had done some work.—The magistrate said that the summons should have been followed up. At present all the evidence he had was that the wife had left the husband. Prisoner would be remanded for eight days on his own recognisances in £10.

HACKNEY MARSHES MYSTERY.

A newly-born female child was found on Hackney Marshes on Wednesday last by Edwin Bennett, labourer, of George's-rd., Holloway.—At the inquest yesterday he stated that he was employed by the "Central Unemployed Body of London," and was engaged in planting trees on Hackney Marshes at the back of the casual ward, near Gainsborough-rd. He put his shovel into a heap of mould which had been dug out for two days. It struck against a parcel which witness found to contain the body of a child.—Det.-sergt. Smith stated that there were no marks on the paper likely to lead to identification, and his inquiries had proved fruitless.—Dr. Jas. Turtle, of High-st., Homerton, stated that the body was that of a well-developed child. There was a mal-formation of the right foot. Death was due to exposure and want of attention at birth.—Open verdict returned.

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BOGUS CLERGYMAN.

A REMARKABLE "MANIA."

THE STATIONER'S SERMON.

A remarkable story of an alleged bogus clergyman was related, when Wm. Tyler, aged 42, described as a stationer, living at 177, Holland-rd., Kensington, was charged on a warrant, before Mr. Garrett, at West London, with obtaining a cheque for 31s. 3d. by false pretences from the Rev. Alfred John Pitkin, curate-in-charge of the parish of Aldbourne, Wiltshire, on Aug. 6, 1906.—Mr. Arthur Gill, who appeared to prosecute on behalf of the Director of Public Prosecutions, made a lengthy opening statement, from which it appeared that accused had been making for some time the most extraordinary efforts to secure ordination at the hands of the Archbishop of Canterbury and of different bishops, for the purpose of becoming a missionary in the Colonies. Dealing with the charge before the court, Mr. Gill stated that in July, 1906, the Rev. Mr. Pitkin inserted the following advertisement in "The Guardian":

> Locum tenens wanted for a month. Open, bracing country. Fine church. Bachelor rooms. Attendance, etc.

Home on a Holiday.

A reply was received from a person signing himself as the Rev. E. W. T. Greenshield, and addressed from 177, Holland-rd., Kensington. The writer described himself as at home on a holiday from Canada, where he was a missionary, and glad to do some work during his holiday. After some correspondence applicant expressed his intention of going down to Aldbourne before deciding to take duty, and on Sunday, Aug. 5, accused arrived at Aldbourne, and represented himself as the Rev. Mr. Greenshield. He gave a full description of himself to Mr. Pitkin, stating that he was ordained by the Bishop of London, and that he was engaged on mission work in Canada. That Sunday he took part of the services at Aldbourne, and in the evening he preached the sermon, and he left the next morning after receiving from Mr. Pitkin a cheque for 31s. 3d., being a guinea fee and expenses. In June, 1905, it was said, he made an attempt to procure ordination at the hands of the Archbishop of Canterbury. He was then occupying three rooms at Bridge-rd., Hammersmith, and he carried on a printing business there. For the purpose of

Procuring His Ordination

he wrote a letter in the name of the Rev. W. G. White, acting commissary to the Bishop of Moosonee and Qu'Appelle, recommending Mr. Tyler as a person suitable for ordination. Prior to that date an appeal had been inserted in the "Record" by the bishop of that diocese for aid in missionary work, and in reply two persons, or rather, as the prosecution alleged, one person, viz., accused, using the two names of Tyler and Redstone, had applied to go out as missionaries. At that time accused was taking part as a layman in church work at St. Mark's Mission Church, a mission attached to the Parish Church of Hammersmith. The Colonial bishop considered that the age of the applicant Redstone was a bar to his usefulness in the mission field, but he favoured the application of Tyler. The latter thereupon, with the aid of the forged letter purporting to come from Mr. White, applied to the Archbishop for ordination.—After some evidence the magistrate decided to adjourn the hearing for a week.—Prisoner: Can I have bail? My brother and the Rev. Mr. Greenshield, my nephew, will stand bail.—A Brother of prisoner: Your worship, this has been a mania of my brother's since childhood.—The magistrate refused to grant bail.

WHEN "TIPS" ARE WAGES.

IMPORTANT JUDGMENT IN THE APPEAL COURT.

In the Court of Appeal, before the Master of the Rolls and Lords Justices Moulton and Buckley the interesting question raised under the new Workmen's Compensation Act, 1906, whether waiters' tips were "earnings" for the purpose of estimating compensation for injury has been decided in the affirmative. The point arose on an appeal from an award by the Wandsworth County Court judge. The appellant was the child of a waiter named Williams, who was killed on duty in a restaurant train while in the employ of Spiers and Pond, refreshment contractors, on the London and South-Western Railway. They admitted liability to pay compensation based on 25s. a week as the man's "earnings," but the applicant maintained that the county court judge should have also included the value of the "tips" which Williams received, and which were something like 10s. to 12s. a week more.

ERRONEOUS PROPOSITIONS

—The Master of the Rolls, who delivered the judgment of the court, said that the learned county court judge had rejected the applicant's claim on two grounds: first, because "weekly earnings" meant earnings between employer and employee and nobody else; secondly, because the evidence did not show any express and distinct bargain, as opposed to an implied bargain, that the employee should retain the tips in addition to his wages. In the opinion of the court, neither of these propositions could be supported. Where the employment was of such a nature that the habitual giving and receiving of tips was open and notorious, and sanctioned by the employer, the money so received should be included in estimating the "average weekly earnings" of the servant. The appeal was accordingly allowed, and the case remitted to the county court judge to amend his award in accordance with the direction of the court.—A stay of execution with a view to an appeal was refused.—Mr. C. A. Russell, K.C., Mr. H. Drysdale Woodcock, and Mr. G. C. O'Gorman appeared for applicant; Mr. Powell, K.C., and Mr. Frank Mellor were for defendant company.

REMINISCENCES.

ROYALTY AND THE RAILWAYS.

A RETIRING OFFICIAL.

An interesting personality is soon to retire from the railway world. Mr. Geo. Wright, the superintendent of Victoria station, on the London, Brighton, and South Coast line, is giving up his post in July. He has been responsible for the safety and comfort of the long list of royal persons, English and foreign, who have travelled to and from the Continent by Victoria. Mr. Wright has given some reminiscences of these royal comings and goings during his 29 years in charge of the Brighton station. Queen Victoria was a frequent visitor to the station on her way to and from Osborne. When the Queen died, Mr. Wright was responsible for the arrangements for conveying the body from Osborne to Victoria, and King Edward expressed his high appreciation of them. Of the late King of Portugal and the late Crown Prince Mr. Wright has the pleasantest recollections. "Most kindly and genial" is his description of the murdered monarch. The two royal personages who preferred to travel slowly were Queen Victoria and the late Shah of Persia. Her Majesty never cared to travel at a speed higher than from 40 to 45 miles an hour; and the Shah was frightened if a speed over 20 miles an hour were attained. Since Mr. Wright took charge of the station the traffic has been multiplied by three.

MR. GEORGE WRIGHT.
[Photo by Park.

DUBLIN CROWN JEWELS.

MR. BIRRELL AND "AN ABANDONED RUFFIAN."

Mr. Pierce O'Mahoney, in a letter to the Press, says:—

> To attempt on the part of the Commission to whitewash one gentleman whom Mr. Birrell described to me on Nov. 2 as "an abandoned ruffian" will require some explanation when I add that another person not connected in any way with the office of Arms, but whom Mr. Birrell described as even a worse character than the one he had previously named, visited this country shortly before Christmas and forced his way into my brother's house late one evening during my absence, and with threats showed him the above paragraph. I think all fair-minded persons will have much to explain. I, at any rate, took a very serious view of the position, and considering that my brother's life was in danger I called on the Assistant Commissioner of Police, Mr. Harrel, to whose personal fairness throughout I gladly testify, and remonstrated with him against the action of the Irish authorities in allowing a man to land in this country against whom, I understood, they had so much serious evidence.

The Case of the Keys.

Mr. O'Mahoney further states that the Commissioners made a great point of the number of keys for the outer door. These keys, he says, were given out by the Board of Works on their own responsibility. That board are also custodians of other public buildings in Dublin, including the museum. He has been informed that the museum authorities recently made inquiries regarding the keys of the outer door, and that the Board of Works had given out so many that they could not even locate them. He was also informed that the museum authorities recently tested a lock hitherto regarded as inviolable, and that they opened it in an ingenious and simple manner without any injury and without using the proper key in any way.

CRIMEAN VETERAN'S SAD END

An old army veteran's death was inquired into by Dr. R. L. Guthrie at Hackney yesterday. Deceased was Wm. Hays, 75, pensioner from the 1st Battalion Rifle Brigade, of 77, Clifden-rd., Clapton Park. He served over 21 years with the colours, and went all through the Crimean War, being present at the battles of Inkerman, Alma, and the siege of Sebastopol. As a sergeant he drilled the Duke of Connaught on Winchester Barrack's Square. Some years later when the Duke was colonel he presented the long service and good conduct medal to Hays. Two of Hays' sons also joined the same regiment while their father was serving, one being bugle-major, and the other a cornet player. Deceased also possessed the Crimean medal with bars for the engagements he had been in, and the Turkish medal. He was pensioned in December, 1875, and was in receipt of 2s. per day. For some years he worked at his trade as a wood turner, but for a considerable time he and his wife, both invalids, had had only the pension to live on. Deceased was found unconscious on the bed on the 18th, and died on Thursday.—Dr. Drought, of Brooksby's-walk, stated that death was due to kidney disease, accelerated by several falls.—Verdict of accidental death.

TALE OF A TUB.

SCENE AT A FANCY BALL.

LADY'S BATHING COSTUME.

New York will have to look to its laurels in the matter of social extravagance and eccentricity, for it is being put into the shade by Baltimore and Philadelphia. The "Butterfly Ball" and the "Goldfish Ball" in the Quaker city, costing from £20,000 to £30,000 each, caused but an insignificant flutter compared with a hunt ball just held in Baltimore when one of the most famous toasts of the city, a beautiful young matron, who is an acknowledged leader of the so-called "Smart Set," was subjected to a spectacular "water cure."

Improvised Bath.

The occasion was a fancy-dress ball at which she appeared in a ravishing bathing suit which set off her violet eyes and blonde hair to the finest advantage. While supper was in progress someone suggested that the costume was incomplete unless it was wet. Until then water had not been a conspicuous feature of the festivity, but two gentlemen, quietly leaving the table, returned in a few minutes dragging an immense bath-tub filled with cold water in which floated an armful of magnificent roses.

An Immense Success.

Immediately the young matron was lifted by a dozen eager arms and deposited plump in the tub, where the guests surrounded her and douched her vigorously with siphons of aerated water. With the exception of a gentleman and his wife, who ostentatiously quitted the scene, the immersion of the lady was voted an immense success by the whole assembly, which comprised all that is most exclusive in Baltimore society. The lady of the tub is well known, and a great favourite in New York. She refuses to make any complaint of the gentlemen who organised the "water cure," and declares that what happened at the ball is a private matter which does not concern the public.

LITTLE GIRL THIEF

LEADS TWO BOYS ON ROBBERY EXPEDITION.

An extraordinary list of thieving expeditions organised by a pretty girl of 13 named Dorothy Downing, the daughter of respectable parents, was given at the Leighton Buzzard Police Court. The girl and two boy accomplices started by stealing a truck from an unoccupied house. Then they raided a windmill, and annexed several articles. Next they visited a blacksmith's shop, and stole a hammer, with which they forced the lock of a chicken house in a field, and stole 17 eggs and a garden hoe. Afterwards they gained admittance to a hut in an adjoining strawberry field by

BREAKING A WINDOW,

and took three baskets, in which eggs were placed and offered for sale. Next day the girl returned the truck to the house, and stole a tin of paint. The police stated she also stole a bottle of beer, and made one of the boys tipsy. When the police visited the girl's house, she slipped out. Later a policeman saw her in the street, and she said, "I'm coming to give myself up for stealing those things." She then took the policeman to a heap of sand, where she unearthed some of the eggs.—The boys were bound over, and the girl sent to a reformatory for five years. Her mother was led from the court crying, "Save her! My only child! Let me go instead."

TWO GLASSES OF BEER A DAY.

—Dorothy, however, has not gone to the reformatory yet, and a Press representative who interviewed her, sympathises with the magistrates' perplexity. She displayed not the slightest contrition as she towered over her mother and her grandmother (aged 87) in their neat little house at Leighton Buzzard.—And this girl of 13 is in the regular habit of drinking two glasses of beer a day! It is a quite exceptional case. The mother, of course, wants to keep her girl; but it does not need a keen eye to see who is mistress of the little household. And Dorothy, with her worldly precocity and her good looks, needs a firm hand.

THE ARCH-BIGAMIST.

AMERICAN POLICE SAY HYNE IS WITZHOFF.

The Chief Constable of Bristol has received the following letter from the Chief New York Detective Bureaux:

> Dear Sir,—I beg to acknowledge receipt of your communication enclosing photographs, finger impressions and newspaper clippings in the matter of Arthur Hyne, now awaiting trial in your city on a charge of bigamy. In reply, I desire to inform you that we have no police photographs or finger impressions of this man, but we have recognised from photographs sent us from his different victims as one George Witzhoff, a dentist, under indictment in this city dated June 9, 1904, for the crime of bigamy. He practised the same methods in this country as he did in England, and has swindled women in many different states. We have numerous complaints against him on file, and he is wanted badly here. However, the treaty existing between Great Britain and this country will not allow us to extradite him for bigamy, and we are therefore investigating with view of obtaining extradition on other charges.

WEALTHY TRADE UNIONS.

Trade-unionism would seem to be flourishing in England. The balance of trade-union funds at the close of 1906 amounted to £5,864,342, says Mr. J. Stuart Sim, in his report as Chief Registrar of Friendly Societies. The balance is the highest figure yet recorded. The total income for the period was £2,709,665, and the expenditure £2,283,230, while the membership increased by 151,512.

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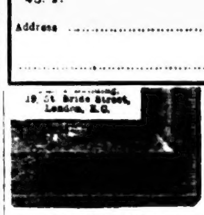

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COMMENTS BY NOTABLE PASSENGERS.

THE CONDUCTOR.

Dr. Henry Maudsley, the well-known specialist on diseases of the brain, deserves to stand high in the list of public benefactors. His offer to contribute £30,000 towards the cost of establishing in London a fully-equipped hospital for the study of insanity is at once generous and patriotic. As such, it has been recognised by both parties in the County Council, and the Asylums' Committee, to which it has been referred, may be expected to report strongly in its favour. The sooner the good work is set on foot, the better will it be for the community.

The scheme is evidently the outcome of careful consideration. Dr. Maudsley argues that the hospital, to be really useful, should occupy some central position. It ought to serve, in the first place, for the early treatment of acute mental disorder, so as to prevent cases from being relegated to county asylums. Secondly, it should promote exact scientific research into the causes and pathology of insanity. Thirdly, it should be an educational institution in which medical students should obtain sound instruction. Dr. Maudsley's plan is all the more meritorious because it is intended chiefly for the benefit of the poor. Out of the 100 patients, 60, or even 75, are to be taken from the working classes. The rest, when they can afford to pay, are to be made to pay.

The supposed growth of insanity is frequently the subject of alarmist paragraphs, and no doubt the conditions of modern life tend to encourage mental collapse. But it must be remembered, on the other hand, that the lunacy laws are administered far more strictly than they used to be. Insane persons are no longer left at large to their own misery and that of their relations. Besides, increased medical knowledge has led to cases being classified as mental which in the old days were vaguely assigned to the "nerves." The figures, therefore, of those under treatment in asylums are not a sure guide as to the progress of insanity taken as a whole.

The encouraging fact is that 40 per cent. of patients recover, and that kind treatment and a reasonable amount of liberty have been discovered to be the surest methods of cure. Except in cases of acute mania, the days of the straight waistcoat and padded cell are over. We have advanced a long way from the unfeeling age when Bedlam used to be a fashionable lounge, and great ladies amused themselves with looking at poor madmen chained to their cells. But much remains to be done in investigating the pathology of insanity, and to that end a central hospital, as contemplated by Dr. Maudsley, is a national necessity.

Thus it has been established that different kinds of insanity prevail to a remarkable degree in different parts of the British Isles. In Scotland only, 7 per cent. of the insane are epileptic, while in the Midlands and South of England 25 per cent. is the normal average. Again the distressing form of insanity known as general paralysis is almost unknown in the Highlands and on the Western coast of Ireland, but is of frequent occurrence in industrial centres and crowded cities. Moreover, it has been proved to be on the increase, whereas the form known as stupor is probably on the decline, and becomes more curable the more it is studied. On the whole, hopefulness is the note of modern medical science, and though this scourge of humanity cannot be altogether destroyed, it will no doubt be much mitigated.

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THE ACTOR.

Complaints from playgoers are noted from time to time in the papers of a real grievance, to wit, the inclusion in theatrical advertisements of prominent players while they are temporarily out of the bill owing to illness or need of rest. Excellent as understudies may be, they are not the performers people have paid their money to see.

The Windsor theatre is the latest to succumb to fire. Like most of the playhouses so devoured, it was an old building, not constructed upon the principle or with the materials which render modern theatres almost fireproof.

I note that Mr. Benson during his third week at the Coronet will appear, for the first time in London, in his impersonation of Mr. Rbt. Stewart's adaptation of "Don Quixote," produced at Stratford-on-Avon at the Shakspere Celebration performances last April. Playgoers will be reminded that Sir Henry Irving enacted Cervantes' famous Knight of La Mancha during his tenancy of the Lyceum.

The century representation of "The Thief" has just been given at the St. James's, where Mr. Alexander will follow it, when required, with Mr. Pinero's new play.

Mr. Frohman has just secured yet another new play for adaptation into English—"Qui Perd Gagne" (who loses gains), now being rehearsed in the original version at Paris by Mme. Rejane.

Secessions of well-known actors from the regular theatres to the variety houses continue. The latest to cross the dividing line are Mr. Laurence Irving and his wife, Miss Mabel Hackney.

"The O'Grindles," for all its quaint and fanciful scenes and characters, has failed to maintain its pride of place at The Playhouse, where it gives place on the current Saturday night to a revival of "Fido"; but as a stop-gap for three weeks only, while Mr. Maude is rehearsing a new comedy, entitled, "Majorie Strode," written by Mr. A. E. W. Mason, member for Coventry, the two leading personages of which furnish excellent parts for Mr. Maude and Mrs. Bishop.

"A woman who knows" enlists my sympathy in appealing publicly through the Press to theatre managers to arrange for the booking of seats in the gallery, asserting in the first place that her sex ought to be relieved from the climatic risk and bodily discomfort of waiting in the long queue outside the doors for opening time; and secondly, because women, if seats were reserved, would be saved from the hustling from the foremost benches they commonly have to put up with from rough and rude young men. I remember, of course, that Irving tried the system of booking seats to pit and gallery, and found it did not answer. But times, and with them methods, have changed since the old Lyceum days, as both Mr. Cyril Maude and Miss Lena Ashwell have successfully proved.

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PIPER PAN.

I am much dismayed to learn that when Dr. Naylor's prize opera, "The Angelus," is produced at Covent Garden during the grand opera season, it may be given in Italian. I suppose this would be because the company is chiefly composed of Italian singers, who would not care to study the work in our vernacular. But surely a special cast of English artists might be engaged without seriously affecting the coffers in the treasury department of the opera syndicate.

I think it will be a great blow to the many music-lovers who witnessed the recent success of opera in English at Covent Garden, sung by British vocalists for the most part, if the new prize opera by an English composer is translated into a foreign language and rendered by foreign artists.

Quite a "slap in the face" I should call it. I can imagine how some of the sneerers would go about saying, "Well, the English opera boom is not going to last after all. The patrons of the grand opera season in the summer won't have it at any price; so even the new work, 'The Angelus,' has to be fixed up on Italian lines!" I almost wonder that Messrs. Ricordi did not arrange in the terms of their competition that the prize composition should certainly be performed in English.

Of course, the present great increase in favour of British music and musicians had not begun when the well-known firm of music publishers started the competition in 1905, or they might have settled things differently with the Covent Garden directors. However, I am hoping these latter gentlemen will become alive to the importance of keeping up the interest they have already aroused by the "Ring" performances in English if they really intend trying to establish annual seasons in that language.

It has occurred to me that some of our own young singers might volunteer their services, just for expenses, for the first performance of "The Angelus," and to have full salary for subsequent representations, should the work prove the success anticipated. By this means its production in the native tongue could, perhaps, be ensured.

I hear that Mme. Tetrazzini is threatened with a rival in New York in the person of Miss Ellen Beach Yaw, an American singer whose exceptional high notes caused a mild sensation in London a few years ago. I do not think she is likely to interfere with Mme. Tetrazzini much. With the Italian prima donna it is not merely the voice and wonderful singing that take one by storm, but a compelling personality and combination of nature and art difficult to explain, but which draw her admirers as if under a potent spell.

Few people have been more deeply mourned by the musical profession than will be Mr. John Brinsmead, the father of the pianoforte trade, as he was called, who died the other day. I suppose no one has ever helped young artists in such a practical manner as he did. He would give them the best of advice, let them practice in his splendid showrooms, and even, when they could not afford to pay, lend them pianofortes. Mr. Brinsmead, in both character and appearance, was a fine type of a real old English gentleman. To many of us his death is a personal loss.

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WILL WORKMAN.

A public critic of mine—Mr. H. D. Rowntree, of Scarborough—dealing with an address I recently gave there, said, among other things, that "in 1905 we exported to foreign countries £450,000,000, and to our Empire £135,000,000, or £585,000,000 in all. As our total exports and re-exports, including bullion and specie, in that year were only £439,000,000, my readers will see how easy it is to put me in the wrong, when a critic begs, borrows, or steals an extra £146,000,000 worth of trade which we never possessed. Fortunately for him I had left Scarborough two days before his criticism appeared.

To show the extent of my critic's ignorance on matters Fiscal, look at the following figures. Out of that £439,000,000, £78,000,000 were re-exports of foreign goods, and nearly £31,000,000 was gold and silver specie, leaving only £330,000,000 of our produce sent to all the world, or an error of £255,000,000! My critic's point was that if we adopted Tariff Reform we should be risking five-sevenths of our foreign trade to benefit two-sevenths, while the truth is we should be risking one-third (35 per cent.) to benefit two-thirds (65 per cent.).

In 1905 we sold £148,600,000 to foreign Protected markets, £67,000,000 to neutral foreign markets, and £114,200,000 to our Imperial Possessions; while we bought £104,000,000 from the Empire, £48,600,000 from neutral markets, and £334,600,000 from Protected countries. So that we stand to gain £334 for every £148 we could lose.

An examination of how we stand with our chief rivals—U.S.A., Germany, Belgium, and Holland and France—does not justify my critic's craven-hearted fear. In 1905 we sold to America £24,000,000 of British produce, and bought £105,500,000 of American produce for our own consumption; to Germany, Belgium and Holland we sold £51,600,000, and bought £82,600,000; to France we sold £16,000,000, and bought £41,500,000. Putting them altogether we sold to these five nations £91,600,000 and bought £229,600,000. Had the difference been produced here, or paid for by British produce, we should have paid £69 a year to 1,000,000 more British workers.

I may add that my critic is interested in one of those huge emporiums for the distribution of British and foreign produce (about 75 per cent. foreign and 25 per cent. British), and, as is usual with such places, he is naturally interested in preventing any interference with the dumping here of American cutlery, German earthenware, Belgian glassware, French silks and gloves, and Dutch paperwares; hence his advocacy of free imports in all these things, but, like Trade Unionists where labour is concerned, he pockets his Free Trade principles and adopts the radius agreement system with his employees, so as to prevent any possibility of free trade in supply, when any of them leave him.

In the recent debate on Socialism between Mr. Joynson-Hicks and Mr. Victor Grayson, the one man out of 4,000 who appeared in evening dress was the Socialist, which is funny, isn't it? His supporters displayed their usual notion of impartiality by striking up "England Arise!" which caused one of their own Councillors to arise and rebuke them for their "unseemly conduct." Still, what's bred in the mind comes out through the voice, and not to be said nay, they sang "The Red Flag" at the close, in accordance with their usual lack of taste.

The once great "Daily News" on Feb. 13 gave its readers "some telling facts (from France) as a warning to English people tempted by Tariff Reformers" consisting of a list of articles dearer in France than in Britain. "All the necessaries of life are dearer than in England," and yet no mention is made of BREAD! Can this be due to the fact that last month wheat sold in France at 38s. 6d. per quarter, while ours was 43s. 1d.? "Tea costs 3s. 4d. per lb.," but no mention is made of the duty, which is 11½d. per lb. "Coffee is 5d. dearer than in England," but no mention is made of the fact that coffee beans are taxed 6d. per lb., and, if roasted, 1s. 5½d. per lb. "Sugar is a penny dearer," and the duty is 12s. 11½d. per cwt. against 4s. 2d. here, of which no mention is made. Thus do the Free Importers bamboozle an unsuspecting public!

Having mentioned that dreaded word "Horseshoes" about a month ago, I received an anonymous contribution telling me that "if you are an honest man you will tell your readers that in 1903-4 the Tory Government purchased £17,470 worth, while Mr. Haldane's order amounted to £2,000." After suggesting I should quibble, he bade me good-bye. Surely my friend Bernard is old enough to know that circumstances alter cases. The American Government obliged us in 1900-1 with about £39,000 worth, and whatever other fault John Bull has he is not ungrateful, so we gave them the £17,470 in 1903-4 as a thank-offering for obliging us in the time of our need, with an intimation that in future we should make our own, and that we did in 1905 and 1906. Why Mr. Haldane should re-open the account in 1907 after it had been closed for two years it is for the present Radical Socialist friends of Labour to explain.

By the way, Bernard, with the usual accuracy of Free Importers when dealing with figures, puts Mr. Haldane's purchase at £2,000. The actual figure was £2,700, or a difference of about 15 per cent. between the American and the British price. The British public saved £500 and lost £2,700 in wages, profits, etc., £1,350 being wages alone. Another point too often forgotten: Radicals refer to what the late Tory Government spent abroad for "Horse-shoes," under the suggestion that the last Administration was opposed to Free Trade, while the truth is, it was exactly the same on that question as the present Administration. Tariff Reformers I, as one of them—condemn both parties if they could have been obtained at home.

Books to buy: "State Railways," "German versus British Railways," "Railways and their Rates," all by E. A. Pratt, and 1s. each from P. S. King and Son, Westminster. Those interested in railway nationalisation will find food for thought in all these. "Land Nationalisation," by Harold Cox, M.P., 3s. 6d. nett from Methuen and Co., London, a clear and convincing answer to the Socialist, and in which "Henry Georgism" is torn to shreds. "Labour and the Popular Welfare," by W. H. Mallock, 3s. 6d. nett, from A. and C. Black, one of the clearest and easiest to understand of political works ever written. The claim that "all wealth is due to labour" is clearly exposed and mercilessly derided. "Constructive Imperialism," by Viscount Milner, 1s. nett, from "The National Review" office, and of which more anon.

Will the reader who sent me 1s. 2d. for Trade and Navigation Returns send his address, which I have misplaced? Will Workman's League is still growing, and now numbers nearly 300.

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BUCKLAND JUNIOR.

A correspondent of Dorchester has asked me to give a few notes on the killing of Hymenoptera, the order which includes Bees and the like, and as, no doubt, many other readers find, as he does, after killing the insects become very rigid and will not allow of setting, a few notes here, I think, will be of general interest. If the following methods are employed the setting will, in most cases, be more easily accomplished.

Whilst collecting, one needs several pill-boxes and a cyanide bottle. The best means of making the latter is to take a small piece of cyanide of potassium, wrap this in two or three thicknesses of blotting paper, and tie with a piece of cotton to prevent its falling out; this should then be fixed, by means of sealing wax, or some similar substance, to the bottom of a wide-mouthed flat bottle. When caught, the insect should be carefully placed in the cyanide bottle until stupefied, when it must be placed in one of the small pill-boxes.

After arrival home, the specimens should be chloroformed just sufficient to stupefy them, great care being taken not to kill them with this, otherwise the difficulty referred to above will not be overcome. The best way to do this is to just raise the lid of the pill-boxes slightly and place in a large jar with a piece of cotton wool to which a few drops of chloroform have been added. The specimens should all be placed into a short wide-mouthed bottle, through the cork of which a glass tube passes. The glass tube must be loosely packed with cotton-wool to act as a strainer. Another large jar is required, fitted with a tight cork; through the cork must be placed a piece of wire ending with a small metal cup for burning sulphur (should any difficulty be found in making this, a proper appliance may be obtained at any chemical apparatus manufacturer's). A small piece of sulphur should be placed in the cup and held in a flame until ignited, and inserted into the large jar and corked down. The specimens should be left in this for about three hours, then taken out and placed in a damp box for fifteen or sixteen hours. They then require panning out, the wings being kept in place by means of pieces of cardboard. In this position they must be left for a month to dry before the final setting.

Several times recently I have been asked whether parrots should be given water to drink or not. As, I believe, it is a generally accepted theory that they do not require it, these few notes will be useful to any reader suffering under this misapprehension. Parrots do require water, and a fresh supply daily is essential to their good health. Parrots are able to do without water to a larger extent than most mammals and birds, but it is cruel to deprive them of it altogether. Water given to birds after they have been travelling often causes diarrhœa, and when given to one which has been without for some time will often be taken in excess and illness thereby caused—these two reasons, I believe, account for the mistaken idea. It is advisable, therefore, when a new parrot is obtained to give it water regularly and in small quantities until it is used to taking it, when a supply ad libitum may be given it.

Another subject, dealing with parrots, and upon which I receive several letters weekly, is the feather-plucking habit and its causes. The habit is attributed by many people to feeding upon animal food, but, as many parrots in their wild state partake of animal food in various forms, and others which have been fed on strictly vegetarian lines suffer from this complaint, the cause is, I think, want of occupation. This idea is supported by one well-known ornithologist, who suggests the "little bit of everything diet" as being the best. An argument against this is that the bird must hurt itself, but we must remember that a great many people pick their fingers and bite their nails down to the quick until very sore—and why? Simply for that same reason, viz., want of something better to do. The best remedy I can suggest, therefore, is to give the bird a swing, and an ivory ring or empty cotton reel to play with.

A useful little book, "The Bird-Keeper's Guide" (6d.), has just been written and published by Messrs. Trower and Silver, 438, Caledonian-rd., N., the well-known seed specialists. The authors have endeavoured to set forth in a concise form, for the benefit of students of aviculture, the essential details in the keeping of birds, and, as the hints contained therein are based chiefly upon their own practical experiences, the book will be found very useful to those for whom it is intended. The popular and scientific name is given, with particulars as to the best kind and size of cage, and the proper feeding is described. Besides these useful particulars, the habitat of the bird is given, and a note on migratory species, with a few remarks as to their value as cage birds and for purposes of exhibition. Considering that about 300 British and foreign birds are enumerated therein, and the small cost of the book, the work is exceedingly well done. A good index adds materially to its value.

The additions to the Zoological Society's Gardens include:—Mammals: one grey squirrel, one crab-eating raccoon, one Buttikofer's guenon, and one grey mongoose. Birds: one common peafowl, one hybrid duck, and a very large consignment of South American birds, which includes a vulture, and many tanagers, love birds, and finches. Reptiles: four puff adders.

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OLD IZAAK.

Anglers have now every chance of sport, all rivers being in capital trim, the rain that has fallen being beneficial, as to which any change will be duly noted in our latest Sunday edition. The Lee, Thames, Arun, Medway, Huntingdon Ouse, Severn, Shakespere's Avon, Trent, and similar rivers, have all yielded fish of late, and unless conditions alter anglers should do well everywhere during the coming week. The dace are beginning to head up at Teddington Weir.

Roach and dace have rewarded anglers in the tidal water of the Thames, and roach have been had at Kingston and similar stations. Mr. Harry Childs lately landed a 7½lb. barbel from the bank at Hampton. At Shepperton, Haslett complains of a lack of anglers rather than want of fish, and the veteran assures one he could soon find anglers chub if they would only pay him a visit. A pike of 13lb. has been taken by Mr. Allen at Marlow; Mr. E. W. Cox has had chub at Mapledurham, and the Henley district has also fished well. Walton's Lee has also yielded sport, particularly in the upper reaches. Mr. H. Lewis (Park A.S.) has had pike and perch from the Rye House, and Mr. L. Childs (Clapton Fly-fishers) a nice 9lb. pike from Hoddesdon. Mr. Frank Robertson (also Clapton Fly-fishers) has had four pike, scaling nearly 40lb. together (largest 13lb. 10oz.), from the Little Ouse, and Dr. Mitchell, fishing with Mr. Collinson, jun., at St. Ives (Hunts), has landed ten pike, scaling from 4lb. to 8lb. each, and anglers are doing well in the locality.

The netting of the Serpentine by the Thames Angling Preservation Society and the Anglers' Association unfortunately proved a costly failure, for, with the exception of gudgeon, no fish of any size were brought to bank, and the pike, carp, and bream expected were wholly absent. The number landed was so much less than expected that the entire catch was conveyed to the Thames at Kingston, the Anglers' Association giving up their proportion arranged for the Lee. The netting, for which huge preparations were made, took place between midnight and 6.30 a.m., and was managed by officials of the societies concerned, aided by a number of willing workers and others, to whom the result was disappointing in the extreme. The netting was quite an amateur affair, with which some of the most practical anglers who retired from the committee of the Thames Angling Preservation Society nearly a year since had, of course, nothing to do. It proved a dismal fiasco, for all would have gladly heard of its success.

Better news comes from the Henley Fisheries Preservation Association (of which the Hon. W. F. D. Smith, M.P., is President), who have lately turned 275 very fine trout into the Thames at Wargrave, ranging from 10½in. to 16in. in length, all of which, in the pink of condition, were purchased from the Brampton Fishery at Midgham. It is hoped that anglers catching any of these fish, which may go "just the length," will generously put them back, and thus give them a chance of developing into the five or ten pounders, which in time should become plentiful in the river. The Association is now negotiating for the purchase of a quantity of good coarse fish, which will doubtless shortly be secured. It only requires to be known that the work of the Association is wholly carried out by honorary workers, to ensure donations to its funds being sent to Mr. A. E. Hobbs (hon. sec.), 20, Hart-st., Henley-on-Thames, by whom they will be thankfully acknowledged.

Will club anglers kindly note that the annual competition on the Lea, in aid of the funds of the Anglers' Benevolent Society, is arranged to take place at the Rye House on Sunday, March 22, and will be under the management of Mr. W. H. Barber (hon. sec.) and the officers of both Associations, as in former years. The cause is a good one, and I trust the competitors will be favoured with a fine day and the best of sport.

Mr. Charles Tyerman presided at last week's meeting of the City of London Piscatorial Society, when their trays at Masons' Hall Tavern were filled with a splendid show of pike, chub, roach, and bream, of which one pike, scaling nearly 15lb. (caught by Mr. C. F. Haynes), was sent for preservation. Mr. G. C. Grammer had two grand trays of over a dozen pike, going from 6lb. to 8½lb. each. The society had a splendid report presented by Mr. C. S. Bentley, F.S.A. (hon. sec.) at its annual meeting, just held, particulars of which will appear in my next notes, space now only permitting me to say that a satisfactory cash balance is carried forward, notwithstanding an exceptionally heavy expenditure for fisheries, and the society's prospects were never brighter than now.

An extremely interesting discussion, ably opened by Mr. F. G. Aflalo, F.Z.S., took place at a recent meeting of the British Sea Anglers' Society, Mr. Aflalo opposing competitions as generally conducted, and regarding the festivals held at many seaside resorts as in no way beneficial to sport. There is undoubtedly room for improvement in both, but it must be remembered that sea angling festivals are a source of recreation and pleasure to many who otherwise would not fish at all. Given proper regulations, coupled with the adoption of a minimum size limit of weighable fish, as formulated by the National Council of Sea Anglers, with cups and medals as prizes, the festivals can do no possible harm, and must tend eventually to promote a more intelligent and widespread interest in fishery questions all round. I am glad to note that the society will not at present support any attempt to naturalise the American striped bass in English waters, and wisely waits to know more of its habits before committing itself to the project.

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MADAME.

The influenza season is upon us, and we have not always those wraps and morning gowns which an illness calls for. I have always thought that in our chest of drawers one drawer should be reserved for cases of illness. The French women are very practical on this point. Even in the trousseau there is always an assortment of coquettish bed wraps called liseuse, because they may be used for reading in bed.

Some are in the shape of capelets with wing sleeves, others are a sort of very wide camisole with wide sleeves. These bed jackets may be made of soft Brussels or China silk, lined with nun's veiling, or they can be made of cashmere, French twill flannel or fine cloth, which need not be lined. Pink or pale blue are the best colours to select, and for choice I should say pink because pink is always becoming.

The complexion of an invalid is not of the freshest, so it is best to be careful on that score. The bed jackets can be trimmed with a herring-boned hem, with lace velvet ribbon insertion or galoon.

For a morning wrap the kimono is unrivalled. An ordinary Eastern kimono in cotton crepe can be had for 4s. 11½d. It may be lined through with nun's veiling or flannelette, and is the most becoming of garments, not to speak of the ease and comfort with which one can slip into it. For 4s. 11½d. the range of colouring in cotton kimonos is limited, but we can find a wider range if we care to go as far as 5s. 6d. or 6s. 11d. There are also short kimono dressing jackets, which are useful for morning wear or as bed jackets.

The doing of an invalid's hair is often a source of trouble. It is far better to buy a square of Liberty gauze, edge it with a frill of material or of lace, and throw it over the hair, so that one corner comes in front, or a pretty mob-cap can be made of chiffon, net, muslin, or China silk. To make this cap or Charlotte, cut out a perfectly round piece of material; if too limp it must be lined with soft lawn or chiffon. Leave two or three inches for the frill. Now arrange a running string for a silk ribbon; draw this to fit the head and tie in a bow at the top. The frill can be edged with lace or bébé ribbon.

The newest hats are made in this fashion, with the exception that the brims are wired to support the edge. Caps for house wear are going to be revived, and considering how becoming they are to most women it is a wonder we ever left them off. But old ladies allowed their milliners to make them such frightful headgear under the name of cap that one can hardly wonder they fell into disrepute. We get a pretty fashion, and forthwith we proceed to make it hideous.

I must add as a foot-note to my readers to tell them that I am laid up in bed with a bad attack of influenza. I cannot, therefore, answer their letters until I am a little better. The aristocratic malady does not spare workers, as it should!

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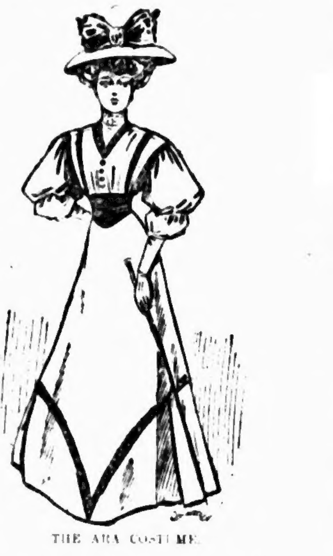

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A LUNACY EXPERT.

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CHARGE AGAINST DR. F. WINSLOW.

A JUMP FPOM A WINDOW.

"EDIE" AND "KING" AS PET NAMES.

A remarkable lunacy case was heard at Acton, when Dr. L. S. Forbes Winslow, mental expert, of Burwood-place, Connaught-square, Hyde Park, was prosecuted at the instance of the Lunacy Commissioners under the Lunacy Act, 1890, with aiding and abetting, counselling, and procuring Edith M. Lascelles, of and at Burlington-gardens, Chiswick, to commit a certain misdemeanour, to wit, receive, board, and lodge at that address, which was not licensed under the Lunacy Act, 1890, a certain lunatic, Ethel M. Davies, about Feb. 26 last year. The prosecution is the sequel to a case which came before the same court a short time ago. Mr. Bodkin prosecuted; and Dr. Forbes Winslow conducted his own defence.—Mr. Bodkin said that the special purpose of the Act was to prevent persons who were of unsound mind being detained in places which were not under proper supervision. He contended that no one was better able to decide the condition of the mind of Miss Davies than was Dr. Winslow. Defendant had been acquainted with her case for two years, having treated her at the hospital in Euston-rd., and then sent her to an asylum at Hassocks, controlled by a Miss Williams. Counsel submitted that Dr. Winslow must clearly have known that Miss Davies was of unsound mind. While at Mrs. Lascelles's, Miss Davies

Bit One of Her Attendants

on the arm and escaped by leaping out of a window. She was at liberty for two or three hours, and was subsequently found at the back door in her night-dress. She was now in a lunatic asylum.—Formal evidence having been given, Evelyn Hall, of Haxman-rd., Loughborough Junction, a general servant to Mrs. Lascelles at Burlington Gardens, Chiswick, was then called. She stated that patient Davies was taken to Burlington Gardens about March, 1907. On one occasion she was violent, bit Mrs. Lascelles, and witness had seen the patient in tears without any apparent cause. She further deposed that Mrs. Lascelles was sometimes the worse for drink. Dr. Forbes Winslow used to visit the house.—In reply to Mr. Bodkin, witness said she remembered Miss Davies falling out of a window. Witness was the only one at home at the time, and was in the kitchen. She went upstairs to see if Miss Davies was all right, and found the bed-room window open, and on looking out she saw the patient on the ground. She went out and picked her up and put her in Mrs. Lascelles's bed-room. Mrs. Lascelles came in about half an hour later and put the patient to bed, and then went for a doctor, but no one came. Dr. Forbes Winslow came the next day and saw Miss Davies.

Nightshirt and Slippers.

Cintinuing, witness said that Dr. Winslow slept in the house three times while she was in service there, but on no occasion while Ethel Davies was a patient there. Dr. Winslow kept a nightshirt and a pair of slippers at the house. She had heard Dr. Winslow and Mrs. Lascelles talking together, he calling her "Edie" and she calling him "King." Mrs. Lascelles told witness that Dr. Forbes Winslow would pay her wages. As a fact, however, she got them from Mrs. Lascelles herself.—In reply to Dr. Winslow, witness said that Mrs. Lascelles had told her that he was an old personal friend of herself and her husband, and had known her for 20 years. It did not seem to witness that there was anything strange in Dr. Winslow staying in the house.—Dr. Winslow suggested, with regard to the window incident, that Ethel Davies got into the wardrobe and it fell. This frightened her, and she rushed to the window.—Witness: That was my idea.

A Bill of Sale.

—Chas. Coulter, of Harrow-rd., said he was in the service of Mr. Phillips, who carried on business as the Paddington Furnishing Co. In February, 1907, Mrs. Lascelles borrowed some money from his employer on a bill of sale on her furniture. The payments got into arrears, and on June 5, 1907, Mrs. Lascelles and Dr. Winslow came to the office. They had two cheques given them drawn by Dr. Winslow. About the end of October they put a man in possession. A sideboard was claimed by Dr. Winslow, which he paid £3 10s. to release.—Dr. Winslow: When Mrs. Lascelles came to you to raise this money, did she mention my name? No. It was only afterwards, when Dr. Winslow lent her the money, that we heard of him.—Percy Andrews, of Hill Rise, Richmond, said he was in the service of a firm of house agents of Chiswick High-rd., who let the Burlington Gardens house to Mrs. Lascelles. Dr. Winslow had given her the reference which his firm required.—In reply to Dr. Winslow, witness said he was aware that that gentleman had refused to sign the tenancy agreement.—The case was sent for trial.

CAB TICKETS.

CHEAPER RIDES FOR PASSENGERS.

It is stated that the General Motor Cab Co. are about to take a hint from the "tubes" and tramways and issue books of cab tickets. The books will consist of pages perforated into squares representing different sums, from 2d. upwards. All that the passenger will have to do is to tear out as many squares as will make up the fare, and give the driver whatever he likes over and above the amount registered by the "clicker." No money need pass at all. A reduction of 5 per cent. will be made to those who buy a quantity of cab rides in advance. Thus £5 worth of tickets will be sold for £4 15s.

The Mayor of Exeter has been elected president of the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital. The Governors had under consideration the serious financial position of the institution, a deficit of £4,000 being reported.

PEOPLE WILL TALK.

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MARRIED WOMAN AND DRAGOON.

A MIDNIGHT MEETING.

A smartly-dressed young woman, who said that her husband was a soldier in India, and a Dragoon Guardsman, alleged to have used his riding whip on a police constable, were features in a case which came before the Kingston justices when Ethel Naylor, 18, described as a married woman, of Cares-rd., Kingston, was charged with improper behaviour with Chas. Moore, 22, a private in the 2nd Dragoon Guards, stationed at Hampton Court Barracks, at Cares-rd., Kingston, on Feb. 17.—The female accused, a good-looking young woman, who wore a dark blue costume, with a white fur boa, and a large white felt hat, fashionably trimmed with feathers, occupied the dock, the soldier standing at her side.

Constable Assaulted.

P.C. Palmer told the bench that at about a quarter past 11 the previous night he first saw both the accused behaving improperly at the corner of the Horsefair and Wood-st. Witness went over and spoke to them, advising the soldier that he had better go back to barracks at that hour of the night. Both then moved off to another corner, a short distance away opposite the Jubilee coffee tavern. As they were again acting improperly witness walked towards them, when without saying a word the soldier walked towards witness and struck him with his riding whip. On telling accused that they would be arrested the male prisoner became very violent, and he had to obtain assistance to get them to the police station, where witness pointed out to the male prisoner the disarranged state of his clothing.—Clerk: What do you know about the character of the female? Is she an unfortunate? Yes, sir.—Clerk: Then she had better be so charged on the sheet.—The charge sheet was then amended accordingly.—Chairman: Was the male prisoner sober?—Witness: No, sir. He was under the influence of drink.—Clerk (to female prisoner): Have you anything to say or any questions to ask the constable?—Naylor: What he has been saying is all wrong.—Moore: He did not tell me to go home.

All Through the Soldier.

—P.C. Haynes gave corroborative evidence, and said that he saw the male prisoner strike the last witness with his riding whip. Witness took the soldier to the police station, and, on the way there the female said, "If it wasn't for the soldier stopping me this would not have happened."—Naylor now told the bench that she was returning from Brentford, and in turning down Wood-st. she met Moore, who, she alleged, caught hold of her hand and would not let her go.—Clerk: Do you lodge at the address given with your husband?—Naylor: No, sir. My husband is a soldier in India.—Asked by the clerk whether the description of her given by the police—who described her as an unfortunate—was correct, she replied: "People will talk a lot."—Moore denied that he struck the police constable, and said that he went quietly to the police station.—Clerk: That does not deal with the charge before the court.—Moore: That's wrong. I deny that.—An officer from Moore's regiment gave him a good character, and said that he had 6½ years' service.—P.C. Palmer said that the female prisoner had lodged in Kingston for about two months, but Naylor stated that she had only been there a month.—The chairman said that in view of the good character given the male prisoner both the accused would be bound over for six months in the sum of £10 under the Probation of Offenders' Act.

LOCAL POLITICS.

LIBEL ACTION AMICABLY SETTLED.

In the King's Bench Division, before Justice Darling and a special jury, Wm. Geo. Hunt, an architect, who designed the municipal buildings in Kensington and Shoreditch, sued Mr. Schultess Young, a barrister, for damages for alleged libel and slander in connection with plans for the erection of public offices and a town hall at Acton. Mr. Schultess Young, in defence, pleaded that what he had said was fair comment and privileged.—Mr. Montague Lush, K.C., and Mr. F. Newbolt were for the plaintiff; while Mr. Hugo Young, K.C., and Mr. Wills represented the defendant.—In the course of the case the term "New Bailey" was used, whereupon his lordship said: There is no such place as the New Bailey. I hope no one will ever use such a phrase. One building in the Old Bailey has been pulled down, and another put up in its place. The Old Bailey is still there. It is the name of the street."—Evidence on both sides having been heard, a consultation took place between counsel, and Mr. Lush, K.C., for plaintiff, said the parties had come to a sensible and reasonable arrangement by which all imputations would be withdrawn.—A juror would be withdrawn and the proceedings would be closed.—Mr. Hugo Young, K.C., on behalf of defendant, said that there was no ill-feeling on the part of his client towards plaintiff, and he gladly withdrew anything that might be thought to reflect upon Mr. Hunt.—His lordship said he was glad the parties had come to an arrangement, although he thought it quite as well to try the case out in court, so as to disabuse the minds of the people in the Acton district, who seemed to have got an idea that something was going on which was absolutely wrong. The evidence, however, had shown that that impression was incorrect.—The proceedings then terminated.

Yesterday Messrs. Christie sold a number of water-colour drawings and pictures. Good prices were realised. Water-colours: "A Storm on the Coast," with shipping off a jetty, by C. Fielding, £262 10s.; "A Woody Landscape," with cattle by a stream, by P. de Wint, 150gs. Pictures: "Gathering Fuel," by J. Linnell, sen., 210gs.; and "La Nievre à Nevers," by H. Harpignies, £651.

GAMBLER'S DEATH.

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TRAGIC AFFAIR AT A CASINO.

RUIN AND SUICIDE.

According to a Central News telegram from Buda Pest, the mystery surrounding the tragic death, some time ago, of Julius Kardos, the well-known Hungarian painter, who was said at the time to have shot himself in a hotel at Nice, has only just been cleared up, and from the details which have at last leaked out it is apparent that yet another Monte Carlo tragedy has been hushed up like so many of its predecessors. Herr Kardos, it appears, frequented the tables at Monte Carlo, and lost consistently and heavily. On the morning of the day of his death he found himself absolutely penniless, and the Casino authorities, following their custom when fearing the possibility of a scandal, offered him 1,000 francs to leave the place. He refused, however, and, obtaining more money, resumed play with the hope of winning back his losses. A Hungarian nobleman who was staying at Nice lent him 2,000 francs, and with this sum in his pocket he proceeded to the roulette table, seating himself between a French beauty and a young American woman. Herr Kardos began quietly enough, staking only small amounts, but, losing time after time, he became more and more agitated. Then his last piece went, and the broken man, taking a revolver from his pocket, placed the barrel in his mouth and fired.

A Terrible Scene.

A terrible scene followed. The lifeless body of the suicide fell across the lap of the Frenchwoman next him, who fainted, and the screams of other women at the tables added to the confusion. Attendants quickly removed the body, and within half an hour play was being carried on at the same table as though nothing untoward had happened, though most of the witnesses of the tragedy had left. The irony of fate was well exemplified by an incident which occurred shortly afterwards. A wealthy gambler, occupying the seat whence the dead man had made his bid for fortune, won 500,000 francs in a single round.

A GENEROUS GIFT.

HELP FOR THE MENTALLY AFFLICTED.

At the last meeting of the London County Council an interesting and generous proposal was made. A letter was read from Dr. Henry Maudsley offering to contribute £30,000 towards the establishment of a hospital for mental diseases. As a physician who had been engaged in the study and treatment of mental diseases for more than half a century (he wrote) he had been deeply impressed with the necessity of a hospital, the main objects of which would be—"The early treatment of cases of acute mental disorder, with the view, so far as possible, to prevent the necessity of sending them to the county asylums; the promotion of exact scientific research into the causes and pathology of insanity, with the hope that much may yet be done for its prevention and successful treatment; to serve an educational institution in which medical students might obtain good clinical instruction.—A vote of thanks was passed to Dr. Maudsley for his gift.

DR. HENRY MAUDSLEY.
[Photo, Illustrations Bureau.

CAPT. DAVID LEWIS,

WHO GAVE HIS LIFE TO SAVE A BOY.

A silver In Memoriam medal and a pension of 15s. per week was awarded last week by the Liverpool Shipwreck and Humane Society to the widow of the late Capt. David Lewis, of the steamer Mervinian. On Oct. 4 last, during a gale in the Bay of Biscay, the steamer was in difficulties and the crew having to take to the boats the captain found a lad named Beale clinging to the bridge. The boy had not secured a lifebelt, being too frightened to take one himself. The captain unbuckled his own lifebelt and put it on the lad, and threw him into the sea. The waiting boat picked up the boy, and the captain, although battling with the waves, sank before his men.

At a general meeting of the members of the Royal Western Yacht Club of England held at Plymouth, it was decided to hold the club's annual regatta on June 30, and to offer prizes amounting to £420.

EAST-END MYSTERY.

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DEATH ON THE EVE OF MARRIAGE.

FOUL PLAY SUSPECTED.

At the London Hospital yesterday Mr. Baxter opened an inquiry on Ernest Law, 33, lance-corporal of the 1st East York Regiment, who met his death under suspicious circumstances.—Sergt. Herbt. Shelley, of the same regiment, who identified the body, said he last saw deceased alive on Feb. 15, when he left Shorncliffe for two weeks' furlough. On Thursday witness was informed that he was lying dead in the London Hospital. Deceased was a man of sober habits, and had he completed his service would have received an exemplary character.—Dr. Morgan deposed that deceased was brought to the hospital on Sunday evening, Feb. 16, in a state of coma, which witness attributed to the effects of drink. He was vomiting nearly the whole of the night. His condition never improved, and he died quite suddenly on Wednesday night. Witness had since made a post-mortem examination, and found that all the organs were healthy. There was no sign of chronic alcoholism. Death was due to a blow on the right side of the head.—Coroner: How do you think that was caused?—Witness: It could be caused either by a blow from a fist or a blunt instrument.—Coroner: If he had been struck and knocked down on his back, would that account for the hemorrhage?—Witness: Certainly.

The Sweetheart's Story.

—Agnes Dukes, residing at China-walk, Lambeth, said she came to London from Folkestone a month ago.—Coroner: You have been keeping company with the deceased?—Witness: Yes, sir; and we were going to be married on Monday last at the Brixton Registry Office. Witness, continuing, said she met deceased by appointment on Saturday at London Bridge Station, on his arrival from Shorncliffe. He changed his clothes at her house and stayed there that night.—Coroner: Your parents live there?—Witness: Yes.—In reply to further questions, witness said that at 8.45 on Sunday morning deceased went out with her brother, who returned alone between three and four o'clock in the afternoon, the worse for drink. He said deceased jumped on a car, and he lost him. He was not sure where this was, but it was "somewhere the other side of the river." She had never heard deceased mention that he knew anyone in the East-End of London. On Saturday night he was the worse for drink. On Saturday morning, when he went out, he said he should be back by 11 o'clock, and she was to be ready to go out with him. She had heard him speak of a "chum named Jack," but did not know the other name, or where he lived.

Sensational Evidence.

—Betsy Perstock, of Boyd-st., St. George's East, said she was the wife of a journeyman tailor. On Sunday night she saw two men outside a house on the opposite side of the street. She went into a neighbour's house for ten minutes, and when she came out she saw a man thrown out from the house on the opposite side of the street. "Another man" struck him, and threw him down on his head. He lay quite still, and witness screamed, "They have killed him!"—Coroner: What became of the other man?—Witness said she "was frightened and excited, and ran indoors." When she looked out again everything was quiet. Witness continuing said the people at the house in question had only lived there a fortnight. On Monday morning the house was empty. Witness had often seen men and women go in and out. Only the night before a man was thrown out and all his money stolen.—Det.-insp. Wensley, stated that the police had not been able to trace the late occupants of the house.—Coroner: There cannot be much doubt about the character of the house.—Further evidence showed that deceased was found lying on the pavement, the police were summoned, and he was conveyed to Leman-st. Police Station and examined by Dr. Jones, the divisional surgeon, who ordered his removal to the hospital.—The coroner remarked that the case was one of very grave suspicion. He adjourned the inquiry.

AM ADOPTED DAUGHTER.

GRAVE CHARGE AGAINST A PAINTER FAILS.

A grave charge was investigated at the Lincolnshire Assizes when Chas. Edwardes, aged 29, a painter, was indicted for improperly assaulting Violet Maud White, aged 10, at Louth in October, November, and December of last year. It was stated that prisoner adopted the girl about a year ago, when he was living with his wife and children at Wainfleet. In the autumn they moved to Louth, where prisoner and the girl at times occupied the same bed. It was alleged that on these occasions he behaved improperly. The child was taken back to London at the end of last year by her father and stepmother.—Defendant emphatically denied the charge. He adopted the girl because he thought that she was his own daughter. His first wife was named White, and they had a child, of whom he lost sight. When he saw an advertisement asking for some one to adopt a child named White he thought it might be his own. He loved the girl dearly.—The jury found accused not guilty, and he was discharged.

YESTERDAY'S SHIPPING CASUALTIES.

Yesterday the ss. Dione was run down off the mouth of the Tees by the ss. Royal Standard. The Dione, which was bound from Middlesbrough for London, was cut down almost to the water line.

The new British ss. Alconda, Liverpool, in arriving at Antwerp yesterday, ran into the dock wall there, smashing her bows and doing other serious injury.

The Glasgow ss. Aboukir, in entering Cardiff docks, ran on to the ss. Enidwen, which had bows damaged and bow rail broken.

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LAW NOTICES.—Monday.

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COURT OF APPEAL.—Court II.—At 11.—Before Lord Justice Fletcher Moulton and Lord Justice Buckley. Appeal Motions, ex parte, from the Chancery, Probate, and Divorce Divisions, and King's Bench and Admiralty Divisions Original Motion. Johnson v. Clark and Another. Appeals from the King's Bench Division (Interlocutory List). The Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral of the United Kingdom v. Pethick and Others. Tootal Broadhurst Lee Co. (Ltd.) v. London and Lancashire Fire Insurance Co.—Edwards v. Mallan—Lehwess v. Schneider. At 2.—Before the Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Fletcher Moulton and Lord Justice Buckley.—Appeals for Judgment).—King's Bench Division (Final List). The Pretoria Pietersburg Railway Co. (Ltd.) v. Elisha Elwood (Surveyor of Taxes) and Elisha Elwood v. The Pretoria Pietersburg Railway Co. (Ltd.) (Revenue Side). For Hearing. King's Bench Division (New Trial Paper). The Mayor, etc., of Hampstead v. Western Bath and Corsham Freestone Quarries Ltd.) v. Barnes Knee v. Multi-Colour Printing Co. (1904) (Ltd.). Court I.—At 11.—Before Lord Justice Vaughan Williams, Lord Justice Farwell and Lord Justice Kennedy.—Appeals from the King's Bench Division (Final List). In re Hirst and Capes, solicitors, etc., of the Supreme Court—Larsen v. Sylvester and Co. London County Council v. Goode—Tillman and Co. v. ss. Knutsford (Ltd.)—Moore v. The Rector and Churchwardens of Dursley Parish Church.

CHANCERY DIVISION.—Court I.—At 11.—Before Mr. Justice Swinfen Eady.—Cause for Trial (with Witnesses): Folens (Ltd.) v. Wallis and Stevens (Ltd.). Court II.—At 10.30.—In Court.—Before Mr. Justice Warrington.—Chamber Summonses. Not before 12.30.—Short Cause. Briggs v. The Rhondda Urban District Council. Petitions (unopposed first): In re the Clayton Tin Plate Co. (Ltd.) and Companies Act, 1890—In re Holford's Trusts—In re Grant—In re Holmes' Trusts—Ex parte the Mayor, etc., of Woolwich. Causes for Trial without Witnesses and Adjourned Summonses. In re Charles Hillman, dec. Ade v. Hillman—Bruce and Others v. Heathorn. Court III.—At 10.30.—In Court.—Before Mr. Justice Neville.—Chamber summonses. Court IV.—At 10.30.—Before Mr. Justice Parker. Cause for Trial (with Witnesses): London, Edinburgh, and Glasgow Assce. Co. (Ltd.) v. Wheelock. King's Bench Court I.—At 10.30.—In Court.—Before Mr. Justice Eve.—Chamber Summonses.

KING'S BENCH DIVISION.—Court IX.—Divisional Court.—Not before 11.15.—Sittings in Bankruptcy. Before Mr. Justice Bigham and Mr. Justice A. T. Lawrence. Appeals from County Courts. In re a Debtor (No. 31 of 1907). In re a Debtor (No. 2 of 1908). In re a Debtor. After the Divisional Court Appeals.—Before Mr. Justice Bigham.—Motions. In re E. S. Humphreys—In re G. Withers—In re Harris Goldberg. In re H. F. Bumpus. Lord Chief Justice's Court.—At 11.—Before the Lord Chief Justice of England.—Special Jury. Westcott v. Alliance Motor 'Bus Co. (Ltd.) and Others. Court IX.—At 11.—Before Mr. Justice Bigham.—Commercial Summonses. Court V.—At 11.—Before Mr. Justice Darling. Special Juries: Crook v. Carter—Ebbw Vale Steel, etc., Co. v. London United Trams Co.—Pauley v. General Steam Navigation Co. Court VII.—At 11.—Before Mr. Justice Phillimore.—Order XIV., Rule 8. Hatsckek and Co. v. Wheeler and Co. (not before 2). Non-juries: Severs and Another v. Carlill—Rodgers v. Turner—Borgue and Another v. Fowler—Nielsen v. Nielsen—Burr v. Atlas Assce. Co. (Ltd.). Court VIII.—At 11.—Before Mr. Justice Bucknill.—Common Juries: Johnson v. M'Nicolas—Dewis v. Same—Sprung v. Barney—Akers v. Coggin. Court III.—At 11.—Before Mr. Justice Bray. Clarke v. London County Council—Stafeneller v. "Financial News" (Ltd.) and Others. Allwright v. London County Council—Eigtved v. Angus Watson and Co. Court IV.—At 11.—Before Mr. Justice Coleridge. Common Juries: Hudson and Others v. Moor and Others—Wright v. S. Pearson and Son (Ltd.)—Holm Trust (Ltd.) v. Deane—Frank v. Samalovitch.

NOTICE TO JURORS.—King's Bench Division.—Jurors in the case of Westcott v. Alliance Motor Bus Co. (Ltd.) and Others, part heard, must attend in the Lord Chief Justice's Court at 10.55. Jurors summoned for the Lord Chief Justice's Court for the week beginning the 24th February need not attend until Tuesday, at 10.15.

PROBATE, DIVORCE AND ADMIRALTY DIVISION.—Court I.—At 11.—Before Sir Gorell Barnes, President.—Applications to make Absolute the Decrees Nisi in the following Causes: Fage v. Face—Green v. Green—Day v. Day—Skeates v. Skeates—Watkins v. Watkins. Probate Motions. Probate Actions. Undefended Divorce Causes: Ommaney v. Ommaney—Cole v. Cole and Ryder. Notice.—Common Juries.—These Causes will not be taken until Wednesday next.—Court II.—At 11.—Before Mr. Justice Bargrave Deane.—Admiralty Summonses. At 11.30.—Admiralty: Lord Antrim—Southwold Belle (with Trinity Masters).

ANGLING.

YESTERDAY'S REPORTS.

The recent rains have refreshed up all Southern rivers and streams, and slightly coloured the water. Roach anglers should have a much better chance than they have had for some weeks. Pike are still on the move, and some good-sized fish have been captured, while chub and perch are affording capital sport. The following are the latest reports from the various stations:—

THE THAMES.

TWICKENHAM.—The river is now in good order for all-round fishing, and punt and bank anglers have had good takes of roach and dace.

HAMPTON COURT.—Water is in good condition, and is showing a nice colour. Roach up to 1½lb. have been caught.

SHEPPERTON.—Jack have been feeding very well, and Mr. Hall landed one of 12½lb. and Mr. Brimley got one of 8½lb. Chub and roach are also biting.

STAINES.—River is in grand order, and roach are beginning to feed. Mr. Drury has taken two chub of 4½lb. and 3½lb., and anglers have had sport with jack and roach.

OLD WINDSOR.—The rain has coloured the water, and roach anglers should do well. Patrons of W. H. Mileham have taken chub and perch.

GREAT MARLOW.—River is now in splendid order, and anglers have had capital sport with jack and chub. Roach are feeding well.

HENLEY.—Pike up to 10½lb. have been caught, and the water is now in excellent order for roach fishing.

PANGBOURNE.—River is now in good condition and showing a little colour. A number of jack have been landed during the week, the best scaling 11½lb.

THE LEA.

WARE.—Sport has been quiet, but the river has been improved by the rains.

THE GREAT OUSE.

HUNTINGDON.—River is now running in good condition, and anglers are taking jack and chub.

THE MEDWAY.

YALDING.—Water is now in excellent order, and roach anglers should secure good bags.

THE STOUR (SUFFOLK).

Bures.—River is in capital order, and good sport should be had. Pike up to 10lb. and a number of roach of 1lb. and over have been caught.

THE STOUR (KENT).

GROVE FERRY.—River is in splendid order, and pike and roach have been feeding. Mr. C. Johnson of Margate, has landed a pike of 16½lb., and is being preserved.

THE ARUN.

PULBOROUGH.—River is in good condition. Pike have been feeding, and anglers should obtain good sport among roach.

THIS WEEK'S FIXTURES.

Today (Sunday).—Oglanders, prize outing; Peckham Waltonians, supper match at Pulborough; South London United Visiting Clubs, competitions at Pulborough; Stockwell v. Princess of Wales, supper match at Wraysbury; Blenheim A.S., netting at Harefield.

Monday.—Piscatorial Society, house dinner at the Holborn Restaurant.

Tuesday.—Gresham, annual meeting at the Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-st., E.C.; City of London, competition at Tangford.

Wednesday.—British Sea Anglers, annual meeting; Friendly Anglers, annual dinner, Trocadero, Piccadilly.

Saturday.—City of London, outing to Wraysbury.

AMERICAN MARKETS.

New York, Saturday.—To-day being the anniversary of Washington's birthday all the American Exchanges have been closed.—Reuter.

TWELVE YEARS' MISERY.

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OUR SPRING LADY HELP.

By CHRIS.

She stood on the doorstep, a curious-looking figure, the greater portion of her anatomy being clad in an ill-fitting three-quarter jacket which might have been fashionable a decade or so ago, while perched on her head was a shiny black straw hat, which ran up from her forehead at an acute angle of some 75 degrees. Most part of her raven locks were screwed up to a painful degree of tightness in those hirsute grappling irons which are known generally to the lady world as "curlers."

Not a word did she say concerning her visit, but brushed past me, and was in the passage before I had time to ask her business. "Excuse me!" I said, "but ——!"

"You ain't the missus, are yer?" she said, bridling up in what I thought was a thoroughly unwarrantable manner.

"My dear girl," I said, in a conciliatory tone of voice, "whoever would ——"

"Don't you call me a dear girl," said the lady in the straw hat. "I ain't a dear girl, and I likes people to keep their places as long as I keeps mine."

"I think this dispute is quite unnecessary," I expostulated. "I repeat—quite unnecessary!"

The lady of the curlers for answer gave a gigantic sniff which made all the hats on the hall-stand tremble with apprehension, and then, unhitching her black straw hat, she viciously jabbed a long steel skewer with a glass brilliant on one end through her headgear and planted it on a peg with a bang which brought up a cloud of dust from the hitherto unoffending doormat. At that moment the Chieftainess entered, and, directly she mentioned something about her fears concerning the foulness of the kitchen chimney, I knew that the annual spring chaos was about to take place.

"Who is this female person?" I inquired of the Great White Squaw, with about as much Red Indian dignity as I could muster up for the moment, indicating the lady in the three-quarter jacket, who was indulging me with a cold marble-sort of stare.

"She isn't a person; she's my extra spring help," replied my guiding star.

"Thank you, mum, for them kind words. Thank 'Evins, I was never a person." And with these words, which were permeated with a world of meaning, the lady who denied she was a person brought out a very dirty-looking handkerchief with coloured border, which desperately tried to look like heliotrope, and wiped the invisible tears away from a pair of shrewish-looking eyes, and then vanished into home offices.

"I don't like that young woman."

I beguiled my partner into the dining-room.

"My dear," I said, "I don't like that young woman."

The partner's eyebrows arched up like a couple of bows on a Crystal Palace Foresters' Day.

"I didn't ask her here for you to like. And what are young women to you, an alleged respectable married man?" said the Chieftainess.

"I know that, my dear," I said mildly; "but ——"

"I don't want any argument over the matter," resumed the presiding genius of Acacia Villa.

"Neither do I, my dear," I said.

"Then why start one, love?" she said.

I grew testy.

"Look here, if I had known this infernal spring business was on, I would have gone out," I said.

"Any excuse," she said, "for evading your business and mixing with your worthless, vicious ——"

"That's enough, my dear," I remonstrated.

"And after me preparing the drawing-room specially for you to-day to work in!" said the Chieftainess.

"I didn't know that," said I, growing somewhat mollified. "That makes a difference." And with these words I retired as gracefully as I could within the delectable confines of the state-room.

I have always found the drawing-room and its decorations anything but conducive to ideas. First of all I stared at the carpet, but the mixed pattern confused me; then I stared at the ceiling, but its silly, empty look made my mind a blank; then my eye encountered the oily eye of a painting of an uncle who had never seen me—and vice versa. He seemed to be saying "I wished I had lived long enough to tell you what I think of you," and somehow I was thinking I wished he had. Then, like a flash came an inspiration. I would write: "Uncle, I have ——!" The idea got no further, for the door suddenly opened and the lady of the three-quarter jacket propelled herself into the room as though she had been shot therein by a catapult. She gave me one glare, and then shot herself out as suddenly as she had entered, bringing the door to after her receding form with a bang that sounded like the mid-day Greenwich gun.

I rose with a bosom chock-full of wrath and made my way to the door, and, in a voice vibrating with indignation, sent a tremulous remonstrating note upstairs to my wife.

"My dear!" I said.

A begrimed and manacled head leant over the banisters. It belonged to the lady help.

"Wos you a speakin' to me, sir?" she said.

"No, I wasn't!" I retorted. "I was speaking to my wife."

A derisive chuckle rose on the air. Its echo had barely died away when the lady of the Acacias appeared. I gave forth my grievance.

"Well, the poor thing made a mistake, and everybody is liable to make mistakes," sweetly answered the Chieftainess.

Murmurs of appreciative applause emanated from the lady help in the distance. I said nothing, but stood still, mortified with vexation. A dry cough rose on the air, and I heard the help say, presumably to the Chieftainess:—

"I suppose a hangel like yourself must 'ave found out your mistake by now? I allays 'ave said marriage was a mockery; or, beggin' yer pardin', sweet lady, a lottery."

A silvery laugh rang out. It belonged to the Chieftainess.

"And you mean to suggest that I drew a blank?" she said.

"Well, 'e does look a bit empty, anyway. Can't 'elp it, I suppose, and there ain't no numbers on 'im. But still, we all 'as our trials. My mother was the same as you. She married a keyhole blower, who was short in 'is wind, an' ——"

I sneaked back into the non-inspirative room and shook my fist in impotent rage at the silly faceless ceiling. I remained there till called out to lunch, which, owing to the spring earthquake, had to take place in the kitchen. There, to my horror and surprise, the lady help took a seat opposite me. I at once arose to take my departure to the room of the mutton-faced ceiling, rather than have to face the keyhole-blower's daughter. The Chieftainess thought I had forgotten my handkerchief, and at once sent the blower's daughter to the drawing-room to fetch it for me. She performed her task with celerity, and threw the supposed handkerchief at me. When I had, in my confused state of feelings, wiped my face twice with it, a merry ripple from the Chieftainess apprised me of the fact that I had used an oil lamp-rag. I pursued the mid-day meal in a gloomy fashion till a familiar sort of sniff drew my attention to the help. To my surprise she was gazing at me with watery eyes. I felt quite uncanny under the limpid look of her damp orbs, and in my confusion nearly impaled my tongue on the prongs of my fork. She continued to sniff like a South Eastern Railway bogie-engine pulling a heavy train of coal trucks up the New Cross Hill incline.

"He so much puts me in mind of my Uncle Gussie."

"Look here!" said I, breaking down and waxing very vexed under the strain. "What is the matter with your lady friend?"

The shaft went home. The Chieftainess leapt to her feet.

"My lady friend? What do you mean?" she said.

The help suddenly burst into tears, and threw her arms round the waist of the second Mrs. Rob Roy MacGregor.

"Don't let him murder you over me," said the help. "It's my fault."

"Why is it your fault?" demanded the Chieftainess.

"Well, the more I look at him the more he upsets me. He so much puts me in mind of my Uncle Gussie. He met with a orful end!"

"An awful end?" repeated the Chieftainess.

"Yus. He tried to assassinate my pore cousin Rebecca in cold blood and a spring overcoat 'cause she 'bezzled the tally money. Poor fellow! he was out of 'is mind. We knew that 'cause he went out o' the winder an' went 'ead first into a dustbin and smothered 'imself in the ashes from number ninety-eight. The coronot, when 'e brought in 'is verdict, sez that 'e died from peremptorary insanity. Sad! wasn't it, mum?"

"Look here!" I said, waving a warning forefinger at Rebecca's cousin. "Don't you compare me to your miserable Uncle Gussie! I won't have it!"

"Don't hurt the girl's feelings," said the Chieftainess. "Leave her alone."

I retired once more, and nearly stared out the oily presentment of my defunct uncle. All that afternoon the vengeful niece of Uncle Gussie rolled the furniture about with maddening effect over the ceiling above my head. Towards evening my aid was requested in moving a wardrobe downstairs. I don't know who's foot slipped; anyway, over went the wardrobe, and I hardly knew who was underneath it till I heard bad language in a lady's voice issuing from beneath. I rescued her, but her ingratitude took my breath away. She swore I had pushed the wardrobe on to her. She vanished that evening after having several pick-me-ups out of my best brandy bottle; and now, whenever I see a black straw hat and a three-quarter jacket in the distance, I give them a wide berth, for I hate scenes.

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SOLICITOR SHOT.

ASSAILANT IN COURT.

QUESTION OF SANITY.

Wm. Stanley Vaughan, the man who has been in custody for over a week on the charge of having shot Mr. J. W. Alsop, a Liverpool solicitor, in his office, was brought before Mr. Stewart at the Dale-st. Police Court.—Since his arrest Vaughan has been under detention at Brownlow Hill Workhouse for the purpose of observation as to his mental condition.—Vaughan was brought up at the end of the ordinary business of the court. Apparently the stipendiary, Mr. Stewart, was not aware that at last the case was to be brought before him, as he was about to leave the court when he was notified that the man had been "booked" at the bridewell, and would be placed in the dock immediately. The charge against Vaughan was that of "shooting with intent to murder Jas. Wilcox Alsop at his office on Feb. 13." Det. Chief-insp. Holbrook intimated that, as he would be asked for a remand until Feb. 27, nothing more than formal evidence of the charge having been made against prisoner would be put forward that morning. P.C. Metcalf, to whom had been entrusted the duty of receiving the man in custody at the workhouse and bringing him down to the police buildings, said that he had charged accused with shooting Mr. Alsop with intent to murder. In reply to the charge, he said:

I didn't intend to murder him. If I had murdered him he couldn't have come into court.

The Stipendiary thereupon ordered a remand until the date asked for, Feb. 27, and accused was removed below to the cells.—Altogether Vaughan was not in the dock for more than two minutes. In that time he manifested no symptoms of excitement. He stepped briskly up to the front of the dock, followed the statement of the police officer quite calmly and intelligently, and when he heard the magistrate's decision turned promptly on his heel and descended the steps to the cells.

MR. J. W. ALSOP.

WILLIAM STANLEY VAUGHAN.

ROYAL MINIATURES.

WITNESS SEVERELY CENSURED BY JUDGE.

At the Central Criminal Court Fdk. Burl, 35, a painter; Joseph Hunter, 25, a greengrocer; and Fdk. Spring, 29, a costermonger, pleaded guilty to breaking into the studios of Messrs. Carl Hentschel (Ltd.), of Knight's-hill, West Norwood, and stealing three miniatures the property of the Queen, and also a quantity of tools the property of Messrs. Hentschel. Leonard Phillips, 24, horsekeeper, pleaded guilty to receiving. — Mr. Wallace (addressing witness Goody): Is it correct that the miniatures were offered to you, that you kept them one night, and let prisoners take them away again? Yes.—How could you look at those things and not realise their value? I did not realise their value.—How could any one with his eyes open give 10s. for them. I did not give 10s. for them. They asked me to lend them 10s.—Your conduct is of the most reprehensible kind. You, a licensed victualler, lend money upon those valuable articles left by men of prisoners' class. You, my lord, have seen things like these before; I never have. I did it more out of kindness than anything else. In a neighbourhood like that we have to do that sort of thing.—Burl and Spring were each sentenced to 21 months' imprisonment with hard labour, and Phillips to 12 months'. Sentence on Hunter was postponed. Mr. Wallace said that any one looking at the miniatures could see that they were of great value, and he could not help speaking in the strongest terms of the conduct of Mr. Goody. It was most reprehensible and deserved the strongest possible censure.

"VERY UNSATISFACTORY."

With reference to the death of Mrs. Harrington, 48, at a fire at her dyer's shop in Church-st., Kensington, the coroner said the evidence was unsatisfactory, and everything was very mysterious.—The jury returned a verdict of death from suffocation, there being no evidence to show how the fire started. She was not a sober woman, and was living apart from her husband.

DOCTOR & PATIENT.

HOUSEKEEPER OR SERVANT?

SERIOUS ALLEGATIONS.

The relations between a doctor and a young woman who went to him in the first place to consult him professionally were before the Hampstead magistrates. Dr. Fdk. Aubyn Monks, the defendant, living at Woodcliffe House, Burgess Hill, Hampstead, has the degrees of L.R.C.P., Edin., and of M.R.C.S., Eng. He is a tall man, with an abundance of wavy dark grey hair and a long moustache. The charge was that of performing illegal operations on Mrs. Annie Rose Ely—she was Miss Le Farre, aged 18, a domestic servant, when she made his acquaintance five years ago. Mr. R. D. Muir, who prosecuted, said the second time Miss Farre consulted the doctor he made improper advances, and when she called on the next day intimacy took place. These relations continued, and on nine occasions an operation was performed. It was only through jealousy that the story came out, the woman being angry because of her suspicions that the

Doctor was "Carrying On"

with his housekeeper. Mr. Muir referred to the difficulty of corroboration, and quoted from a letter written by the woman last year to a friend, Mrs. Lynch, in which she said, referring to an operation:—

> He was cross when I spoke of [illegible] as I have [illegible] before this never cried or made any trouble about it.

She went on to threaten suicide. The letter was taken possession of by the doctor; and the girl herself afterwards told Mrs. Lynch that the statements in it were all lies.—Mrs. Ely, a fair-complexioned woman, told her story in a soft, often almost inaudible, voice. She gave her present address as Bostock-rd. A short time ago, she said, disagreement arose between the doctor and herself. "Once I knelt down before him and begged for mercy." Again, when they were having breakfast together at the doctor's house, he said to her: "If

Five Years' Friendship

is to end like this, it isn't my fault. I shall always take an interest in you." Since Christmas there had been frequent quarrelling, because of her suspicions of the doctor and his housekeeper. Once he threatened her with a revolver. On the occasion of one of the early operations the doctor told her it was wicked to have an illegitimate child. He gave her a copy of a song called "The Vagabond"—"in which," she told the court, "a little boy is sneered at." While she was living in service she underwent a number of operations, and on Boxing Day, 1906, she went to live in Narcissus-rd., the doctor definitely supporting her. Last September they quarrelled. It was then that he found her writing the letter in which she threatened suicide; they quarrelled also over some disgusting postcards, which coupled the names of the doctor and his housekeeper. A number of letters were read. The first counsel quoted—dated March 22, 1906—began, "Dear Miss C. Farre," and expressed the hope that the writer would soon

See Her "Sweet Self" Again,

and that she would bring with her some of the poetry which gave expression to her ideas. It was signed, "Yours sincerely, Bogie."—Another letter dated Nov. 15, 1906, ran:—

> Dear Annie,—During the three years we have known each other I have grown very fond of you. You seem part of myself, of my daily existence, you are constantly in my thoughts. . . . You are something to be cherished and cared for. . . It seemed that you were thrown across my path that I might be your philosopher and friend. . . It was necessary I should see you every two or three days.

He accused her of seeming as if she were tired of him, and alluded to the possibility of their parting. He said:—

> My native philosophy will come to my aid to support me, then I shall forget. Possibly some day you may regret. It will then be too late. . . . God bless you, FRED.

On Nov. 8 she went to live at Woodcliffe House. Soon after the doctor's brother received an anonymous letter, as a result of which the doctor suggested that she should go away for a few days every week. She declined. One midnight she slipped out in her slippers and went to see her friend Mrs. Lynch. On her return she found that the doctor had put the chain on the door. She blew up the speaking-tube to his bed-room, and he came down and let her in, asking where she had been. He said, "It's a wonder you didn't meet a policeman."—Accused was committed for trial.

DR. FDK. AUBYN MONKS.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND EXHIBITIONS.

A combined examination for 20 scholarships and exhibitions tenable at University College, King's College, and the East London College, will be held by the London Inter-Collegiate Scholarships Board on May 12 and following days. Candidates must have passed the London University Matriculation, or an equivalent examination, and must be under 19 on Oct. 1. Particulars and entry forms may be obtained from the secretary of the board, University College, London.

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WORLD OF WHEELS.

CYCLING.

A Roadman.

I have had a letter from a man who is a [illegible] reader of "The People" and a road maker. He [illegible] that the best way for cyclists to get good roads is for them to subscribe to the road makers' dinner funds which various cycling clubs have from time to time organised. He [illegible] to have had a very good time at the dinner given by the North Road C.C. to the road makers of the north of London. "It [illegible] I can assure you they don't lose anything by it, either, for if there are any loose stones or broken glass about they soon get attended to." It is pleasant to know that the [illegible] appreciate what is done for their entertainment, and endeavour to repay it as far as lies in their power, but when it comes to road making [illegible] the best thing is for the ratepayers to pound away at the [illegible].

Brakes.

Some time ago there was considerable discussion between two experts [illegible] as to whether it was necessary to have a brake on both wheels. Expert No. 1 argued that as one brake would hold a cycle on the steepest hill, all that was necessary was to have that brake of the best and keep in working order. Expert No. 2 pointed out that if one brake suddenly broke, it was desirable to have something else to fall back upon, and that nothing was more satisfactory in this direction than another brake. I had an object lesson last week in the soundness of the views of Expert No. 2. I had been adjusting the hand-brake of my new machine, and fancied I thoroughly screwed up the end of the front wheel brake. It acted the first three or four times I used it, but descending a somewhat steep hill the rod slipped and the brake was useless. Luckily I had my back wheel brake acting. In these days of free wheels brakes should be tested every time the machine is used, and as an additional precaution the practice of using the feet on the front wheel tyre should be learnt.

Hampton Court Meet.

Years ago when the machines were high ones the clubs of London used to meet annually at Hampton Court and ride in procession round the Green to Teddington, and back by way of Bushey Park. It was rather a pretty sight, and used to attract a considerable number of spectators, and was useful as an advertisement of a pastime then in its infancy. As cyclists increased in number the affair grew unwieldy and it was very properly dropped. There have been several attempts to revive the meet, but they have, so far, met with little or no success, the leading clubs, at any rate, looking rather askance at the project.

A Proposed Revival.

It is now suggested to revive it again and I am asked to give publicity to the following letter which is being sent out to the leading clubs by the hon. sec. of the [illegible] Cycling Club: "Dear Sir,—Acting upon the suggestion of several prominent members of cycling clubs, it has been proposed to revive the old Meet of cyclists previously held at Hampton Court. In its day the Meet was a great success, and now that the type of machine [illegible] it is considered that the revival might be even more popular. In order to test the feeling of the leaders in the cycling world a preliminary meeting of secretaries [illegible] will be held at the Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-st., E.C., on Wednesday, 18th March, at 8 p.m., when I sincerely trust your club will be represented. The favour of an intimation to that effect on or before [illegible] March will be esteemed.—Yours fraternally, [illegible], Hon. Sec." I give this letter the required publicity [illegible], but I am very dubious about the wisdom of the scheme, and, to be frank, I do not think it likely [illegible] response.

Porous Tyres.

A Woolwich reader writes me of a tip to cure porous inner tubes. "Make up a half inch of [illegible] in a little water, stir until dissolved, pour it into the inner tube and it will stop porosity, and it will also enable you to locate punctures. Quite harmless." This recipe may, and probably will, do the latter so long as it lasts, but my correspondent does not say how often it is to be renewed. With regard to porosity, I must own to a firm belief that when a tube is porous the really [illegible] is to throw it away and get a new one. Tubes are not very expensive nowadays, and the expenditure [illegible] porous tube [illegible] that may fail just at a time when it is most inconvenient for them to do so.

WHEELER.

MOTORING.

Trials in 1908.

The demise of the Tourist Trophy Race will scarcely be regretted when we examine the details of the big event which is to take its place. There has really been nothing for some years past in the way of an important road trial organised by the Royal Automobile Club for pleasure cars. The reliability tour fostered by the premier club of Scotland has had to do duty for north and south alike, and right well have the Scotsmen catered for those who have taken part. Now, therefore, that a real English affair is to be carried out, everyone will be glad that the Scottish trial is not to be swallowed up by it. As a matter of fact, the Scottish event will retain all its pristine glory, and its rules and regulations will remain as heretofore entirely and absolutely under the control of the S.A.C. The fact that it will form part of the R.A.C. trial will but enhance its interest owing to the difference in the method of classifying the competing cars, and I do not think there are likely to be fewer entries than in 1907.

Price v. Power.

My readers will probably remember that the selling price of the car has always appealed to the Scottish Club as being the soundest basis for the classifying of entrants, and they will not be surprised to see that no alteration in this respect has been made. The R.A.C., on the other hand, have pinned their faith to a classification by engine horse-power. The ten standards into which will be divided the competing cars in the International Touring Car Trial are arranged to accommodate machines up to 60 h.p., on the R.A.C. horse-power formula $D^2N \div 2.5$. That is to say, four cylinder engines with a bore of approximately 6¼ inches will be eligible, while six cylinders of 5 inch bore can also be entered.

The Ten Classes.

The classes are arranged so that cars of approximately similar h.p. will be grouped together, the difference between the highest and lowest powers in the class being somewhere about 6 h.p. But horse-power alone is not the sole governing factor. The lowest standard—for cars up to 6·4 h.p.—is for machines limited to two passengers. The second standard is for cars from 6·4 h.p. to 13 h.p., and the seating accommodation may be for two or more. In all the other standards the cars must carry not less than four people. Then, again, a minimum weight is set down for each class, such weight to be taken when passengers, petrol, tools and spares are on board. There is also a minimum platform area prescribed for body room from the dashboard to the centre of the back axle, and finally the R.A.C. have laid down a minimum wind resistance area for each class, and efficient mudguards being provided.

The Method of Marking.

In the R.A.C. trial the method of marking is simplicity itself, and so designed that the car first past the post in the final race at Brooklands will be the winner of its class in every case. Not marks but minutes are lost when any stoppage occurs, and similarly for every gallon of petrol taken on board throughout the road trial [illegible] will be debited to the car's account. Now, when the road trial is over, and the 200 mile race on the Brooklands track is to start, the number of minutes lost by the cars in each class will be added up. Suppose one machine has lost 60 minutes, another 55, and another 40, the last named being the one with fewest penalisations, this car will be 15 minutes to the good on the second car and 20 to the good on the first. It will, therefore, be given the advantage gained by it during the road trial at the commencement of the race, and will start first, while the other two will follow at 15 and 20 minutes' interval respectively. Again, suppose a car has to stop and pick up more petrol during the race, the officials in charge of the fuel depots will add [illegible] minute for every gallon of petrol taken in. It is one [illegible] that the winner will be as good as it humanly can be, and I shall certainly go down to the track to see the final sprint.

Detachable Wheels Once More.

"S. F. E." has probably been rubbing his hands lately at the success of his endeavours to call public attention to the matter of the dispute with the French authorities concerning the barring of detachable wheels in the Grand Prix Race. Not only has the Press taken the matter up editorially and told "S. F. E." what a fine fellow he is, but his foreign rivals have had a perfect orgy of letter writing to the technical journals, the gist of their remarks being that "S. F. E." is an [illegible] and never intended to enter any car in the race. Now everyone knows that "S. F. E." is about the finest [illegible] in England, or for that matter anywhere else, and it is most ridiculous [illegible] the same thing as "S. F. E." [illegible] only thought of it [illegible] and generally make themselves [illegible], just because he has once more got ahead of them.

Notes.

Three Austin [illegible] have been entered for the Grand Prix in spite of the barring of detachable wheels. "The Motor Cycle" gives the imports of motor cycles into this country during the months of January, 1907, and 1908, as [illegible] respectively. The new London motor identification number will be [illegible]. [illegible] has just ordered a 40 h.p. Daimler shooting brake, perhaps he finds it safer shooting from an elephant's back too slow, and proposes to pursue the tiger through the jungle by car. An 18-24 h.p. Siddeley has just gained full marks and a gold medal in the New Zealand reliability tour. The New Zealanders don't seem yet to have mastered to perfection the noble art of road making, for the cars had to wade through rivers and battle across deep seas of shingle and stone.

H. C. L.

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IN THE COURTS YESTERDAY.

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STORIES TOLD TO MAGISTRATES AND CORONERS.

Bow-street.

LIFE IN THE WEST-END.

Some remarkable evidence as to life in the West-End was told by the police when Clara Miller, 20, Flo Rose, 21, and Kate Jones, 20, were charged as suspected persons attempting to pick pockets. Miller was further charged with assaulting Det.-sergt. Hunt. Det.-sergt. Aldridge stated that shortly before midnight on Friday he was with Det.-sergt. Hunt when he saw Rose and Jones accost a drunken man at the corner of Rupert-st. They tried to get him against a hoarding, but he freed himself and walked away. At the corner of Wardour-st. the same women got into conversation with another drunken man, who, after a short talk, drove away in a cab. Subsequently Rose and Jones were joined by Miller. They accosted a drunken man in Coventry-st. and pushed him against a hoarding. Rose stood on one side of him and Jones on the other. Miller stood in front of him and put both her hands into his waistcoat pockets. Prisoners were afterwards arrested. When Jones was taken into custody she said, "You cannot charge me with robbing that drunken man. He is a friend of ours, and we have known him about 18 months. He usually gives us half a sovereign or a sovereign every time he sees us." Det.-sergt. Hunt gave corroborative evidence, and said that on the way to the police station Miller struck him with her clenched fist, loosening two of his teeth.

AN ARTIST GIVES EVIDENCE.

—At the request of prisoners the drunken man they were said to have tried to rob was called as a witness. He gave the name of Albt. Morrow, and described himself as an artist living at Studio Cottage, Penn-rd., Beaconsfield. He said he had no recollection of having seen prisoners.—Jones: Don't you recollect taking me and another young woman to supper some time ago. You then took us to your club on the Embankment, and left us outside after giving us a sovereign. Witness: I have no recollection of it. I have no recollection of giving either of the women a sovereign or a half sovereign, but I won't deny it.—Jones: You have bought us chocolate and things. You are in the habit of giving girls in Leicester-sq. sovereigns and half sovereigns.—Witness: I don't remember, but I may have done. I don't think I lost any money last night and I had £2 last evening, and when I woke at the police station this morning I had a sovereign and a few shillings.—Prisoners were remanded.—Mr. Morrow, who pleaded guilty, was afterwards ordered to pay 7s. 6d. for being drunk.

Thames.

"OH! MR. BUTLER."

At the instance of Jane Saunders, aged 18, of Ely-ter., Chas. Butler, of Cross-st., Commercial-rd., was summoned to show cause why he should not contribute to the maintenance of her child, of which she alleged he was the father.—Complainant, who said that the child (a girl) was born on Aug. 10, stated that she had known the accused 12 years, and had been in the habit of going into his house. Intimacy first took place in October, 1906, in defendant's bedroom, and defendant said to her, "Don't tell your father or mother." When she told him her condition, defendant said, "Don't do away with it. I'll always look after you, and the baby, too; and, if Mrs. Butler finds out, let you and me clear right away out of it." To that witness said, "No; I am afraid to leave my mother." When witness was about to go into the infirmary, defendant said to her, "Jennie, whatever you do, if you are in pain, don't call out, 'Oh, Mr. Butler!'" When defendant saw the baby, he said,

"THERE'S A PRETTY LITTLE THING!"

He gave her 1s. a week for about seven weeks, saying, "It's for baby." He also said he would give her more money later on. When Mrs. Butler asked who was the father she did not answer.—Cross-examined, complainant denied saying the father was Jimmy Green, for she did not know such a person. On one occasion she came to that court with Mrs. Butler, when "some fellows had been raided in a club." It was not true she came to pick out Jimmy Green.—Defendant denied being the father of the child. He also denied being supported by his wife.—Mr. Dickenson ordered him to pay 3s. 6d. a week until the child was 16, and allowed 25s. costs.

Westminster.

WAITRESS AND HER LOVER.

"She has been under the influence of a young man," said a detective when Charlotte Louisa Edmunds, a good-looking young woman, described as a waitress, of Ben Jonson-st., Stepney.—She was charged with stealing money belonging to her employer, Mr. Hy. Mathers, coffee-house keeper, of Ranelagh-rd., Pimlico.—Defendant on the 20th inst. was sent by her employer on an errand. She was entrusted with money and never returned.—Det.-sergt. Jones said the girl, who was most respectably connected, had entirely been under the influence of a young man, who had promised to marry her. To reimburse prosecutor she had pawned one of her rings and offered him more than she had misappropriated.—The father of the girl said he had over and over again cautioned her as to the unworthiness of the

MAN WHO INFLUENCED HER.

Though he did not wish her to go to prison he should like to see something done to bring about a final separation. The banns of marriage had been put up, but he thought that this trouble might convince his daughter of her folly.—Mr. Curtis Bennett asked the girl if she was willing to give the young man up.—Prisoner (sobbing): I will, but he follows me and knocks me about when I refuse association with him.—Magistrate: If he dares to do that again bring him before me and I will punish him. He shall know what it means. The [illegible] bail was accepted for her future good behaviour.

Marlborough-street.

TIRED OF WALKING ABOUT.

Mr. Mead committed for trial Edward Lewis, 24, a cloth shrinker, of no fixed home, who was charged with having wilfully broken a window at the premises of Rhoda Emelie, a Regent-st. milliner, doing about £15 damage. P.C. Carmody deposed to having been with P.C. [illegible] early on Saturday morning in Regent-st., when they noticed prisoner loitering about. He stopped outside the shop and threw a stone through the window. When taken in charge he said, "I am sick and tired of walking about." A representative of Miss Emelie said there was no desire to press the charge, but the magistrate remarked that it was a case he must commit for trial, as this sort of offence was of far too frequent occurrence. Prisoner (to the magistrate): I have been walking about night after night, and I had to do something. That's all I have got to say.—Mr. Mead: You should go to the workhouse.—Prisoner: I don't want to a young chap like me, Mr. Mead. It is better for a young chap to go to the workhouse than to prison for 12 months.

IN A FIT OF TEMPER.

A married woman named Catherine Rutherford, 39, living at St. Mary's-ter., Paddington Green, was charged with threatening to commit suicide.—P.C. Smith stated that about one that morning he found her sitting on the bank of the canal in Blomfield-rd., Maida Vale. She was just stepping into the water, but he stopped her. She told him she had had a lot of trouble, and wished she had done it. Her husband came up, but she refused to go home with him.—The husband was now called, and attributed his wife's conduct to a fit of temper. Mr. Plowden, having obtained from her a promise that she would not do anything of the kind again, discharged her with the advice that she should try and make the best of life and leave the water alone.

Marylebone.

TRAPPED BY TELEPHONE.

The unexpected happened to Chas. Cole, a tailor, who was charged with having attempted to obtain some gloves, worth £1, by false pretences.—On Friday evening, according to the evidence, prisoner presented himself at 47, Inverness-ter., Bayswater, and asked for the gloves and things for the cleaners. "Are you from Davies's?" asked the servant, and prisoner replied, "I am." The servant told Mrs. Coledough, and that lady at once used the telephone in the house and asked Davies's if they had sent anybody. The reply came that they had not, and then by arrangement prisoner was kept waiting while Davies's manageress secured the service of a policeman, and both went to the house.—In the end prisoner was arrested and charged with the offence.—Remanded.

WEST-END MOTOR SMASH.

The chauffeur, Wm. Alfd. Birch, aged 22, living at Down-st. mews, Piccadilly, surrendered to his bail to further answer the charge of being drunk whilst in charge of a motor-car in Bayswater-rd. The case was only partly gone into at the previous hearing, owing to the dazed condition the accused was in. About four o'clock the previous Saturday morning, it was alleged, Wm. Brighton, a milk-carrier in the service of Messrs. Freeth and Pocock, of Vauxhall, was driving a pair-horse van, laden with milk, from Paddington station, and was in the act of turning from Leinster-gardens into the Bayswater-rd., when the accused's car came "flashing" down the road and dashed into him. The horses were thrown to the ground, the harness and the pole of the van were damaged, and the driver sustained an injury to the arm and knee, and was much shaken. It was stated that the accused jumped or fell out of the car, and that when

PICKED UP BY A CONSTABLE

he was found to be drunk. Beyond the fact that the car dashed off down the road after the collision, nothing transpired in evidence to show what became of it. In giving evidence on his own behalf, the prisoner explained that on the morning in question, he took some friends for a trip to Barnes, Richmond, Chiswick, and Acton, and all he had to drink was three small lemonades and half a glass of claret. The milkman, he declared, came out of Leinster-gardens at a "dashing" pace, and made right for him. He was then going from five to eight miles an hour. One of the men who went for the trip with him, agreed that he was perfectly sober. Counsel proposed to call other evidence, but Mr. Plowden said he had heard sufficient. Whatever the cause of the collision, he said, there was nothing to suggest that the prisoner was drunk. This case only showed, what he had remarked upon hundred of times before, the utter untrustworthiness of trying to build up a case of drunkenness on a man's breath. Discharged.

Clerkenwell.

ALLEGED SNATCHING.

Described as an agent, John Pope, 28, was charged with stealing a tie-pin, value £5, from Jas. Cookley, a traveller.—Prosecutor said he was on the platform of the King's Cross Metropolitan Railway Station on Friday evening, waiting for a train. At the rush which followed its arrival witness was about to board the train, when prisoner put his arm round witness's neck and detached the pin from the tie. Prosecutor knocked the man's arm up and seized him by the collar. A struggle ensued, and "in the hustle" witness lost his umbrella. The pin, however, was recovered.—Remanded.—Thos. Collis, 21, a carman, was charged with stealing a handbag and contents, value 6s. from Jessie Bird, a married woman. The latter said she was about to board a tram in Holloway-rd., when prisoner snatched away her bag and ran off.—A gentleman on the tram darted after prisoner and gained on him. Prisoner, therefore, he said, threw the bag in the gutter.—Witness picked up the property and renewed the pursuit, which ended in the prisoner's capture.—Remanded.

West London.

WILD SCENE IN POLICE STATION.

A pugilist, named Thos. Lanham, of Silchester-ter., Notting Dale, was charged with being a suspected person and with committing a violent assault on P.C.'s 553 X and 321X.—P.C. 553 X stated that he and the other officer were in Southam-st., N. Kensington, early that morning, and heard a woman screaming. She lived at 60, Southam-st., and she ran up to them and said she had met a strange man on her staircase. They searched the house, and found prisoner concealed in the lavatory at the top of the house. They arrested him, and all the way to the station he displayed violence. After he had been placed in the dock at the station he suddenly [illegible], dealt witness so violent a blow on the jaw as to render him insensible for a minute, and then struck P.C. 321 X in the mouth and over the left eye, sending him flying into the fireplace, where a blazing fire was roaring. Remanded.

Tower Bridge.

SON AND DYING MOTHER.

"You are a worthless man," said the magistrate to Albt. Shipton, 29, labourer, of Lafone-st., Bermondsey, who was charged with being drunk and disorderly, and using obscene language. P.C. Taylor stated that he was called by prisoner's father, who complained that prisoner was disturbing his dying mother and would not go away. Witness got him out of the house, but as he continued using foul language he was taken into custody. Prisoner: I went to say "Good night" to my mother, but I don't know what I said. The magistrate: Your father had to turn you out of doors, so that your dying mother might have peace.—Father: Yes, and I want a protection-order. Last night he threatened my life and my daughter's. She is now under medical care through his violence.—Magistrate: What about your poor wife?—Witness: She is dying from an internal complaint. She is in the last stage, and two doctors told me that it's impossible for her to get over it. Last evening, my son forced his way into her room, and annoyed and worried her very much with his foul language. I am 65 years old, and I couldn't tackle him, or I

WOULD HAVE THROWN HIM OUT

of the room; so I had to get the policeman to do it. Since he came back from India, four years ago, he has frequently annoyed us. Once he gave me two black eyes as I was lying in bed.—Magistrate: Why didn't you prosecute him.—Witness: I did not want to prosecute my son, and I don't want him punished now. All I want is that he should keep away from us.—Magistrate: I propose to make him find a surety or go to prison.—Witness: I should not like him to go to prison.—Magistrate: But why not, when he gets drunk and disturbs the dying moments of his mother. It seems to me very mistaken leniency on your part.—Prisoner: I didn't mean half I said, I won't do it again.—Magistrate: You ought to go to gaol, but as your father so weakly and kindly wishes me not to send you there, I will bind you over in £20 for six months. If you break that bail, and are brought before me, you will go to prison for six months.

Stratford.

GIRLS MOBBED.

An errand boy, Jas. Harrison, 16, of Abbey-rd., Barkingside, was summoned with being concerned in improperly assaulting Florence Godbold, aged 15, of Young's-rd., Barkingside.—On the night of Feb. 9 Miss Godbold, with a girl named Jesse Bardwell, were walking along Horns-rd., Barkingside, when defendant and a lad named Hunt rushed at them. Harrison caught hold of the complainant around the waist and Hunt then interfered with her. A dozen other lads surrounded them, but Bardwell pluckily tackled Hunt, and pulled him away, and defendant then released his hold. The girls eventually escaped, and proceedings were taken against Hunt at the Essex Quarter Sessions, and he was bound over under the Probation Act. The assault created a good deal of feeling in the neighbourhood, and resulted in the present proceedings.—Defendant, who admitted catching hold of the girl around the waist, was committed for trial on bail.

Lambeth.

STRANGE BIGAMY CHARGE.

A traveller, Harry Jackson White, 48, of Stockwell Green, was charged with bigamously marrying Alice Maud Trinder on Oct. 2, 1894, his wife being then and now alive.—Alice Maud Trinder stated that she went through the form of marriage with prisoner on Oct. 2, 1894, at the Camberwell Registry Office. He described himself as a bachelor. She lived with him for a few days, and then left him because of something she heard, but after two years she went back to live with him again, and they lived together until Friday.—Mr. Robinson (defending): Up to the time of his arrest was prisoner living with you?—Witness: Yes.—Mr. Robinson: These proceedings were not taken, I think, at your instance?—Witness: Yes, they were.—Mr. G. Walker, formerly verger at St. Michael's, Chester-sq., said he was present in August, 1875, when a marriage was solemnised between Henry White and Eliza Bentley.—The Clerk: Can you recognise the parties now?—Witness: I can't recognise prisoner. It is many years ago.—Det.-sergt. Hawkins said he arrested prisoner at his residence. He made no reply to the charge. At the Brixton Police Station Eliza White was called into the charge-room where prisoner was, and producing a marriage certificate, exclaimed,

"THAT'S MY HUSBAND!"

—Mr. Robinson: I object to this. The wife, if she be the wife, cannot give evidence. She cannot be a competent witness, and the other cannot put in a statement made by her, even if prisoner were present.—Mr. Francis: I am not sure of that. At any rate, a statement was made by this woman. What did prisoner say to that?—Sergt. Hawkins: He made no reply then. After he was charged he said, "Well, that lady you brought before me used to be housekeeper to me during the time I was in business, and if there was anything on either side, why wasn't this done when I married Alice Maud Trinder?"—Mr. Robinson submitted that there was not a scrap of evidence to support the charge, but Sergt. Hawkins said he thought he would be able to call some further witnesses. Remanded on bail.

West Ham.

MIXING DRINKS SEQUEL.

A labourer, Jno. Coutts, 39, of Biggerstaff-rd., Stratford, was charged with assaulting his wife, Jessie.—Prosecutrix said that on Friday night her husband began quarrelling because her son was out. When she went into another room he followed her, and pushed her into the kitchen. Picking up a poker he struck her on the head and across the back with it.—The Clerk: Was he sober?—He had been drinking. I only had two drinks with him, and I gave him half of my gin.—What did you do with the gin? I put it in his beer.—Didn't you think it would be too much for him? Oh, well, you see, he paid for it.—Prisoner alleged that his wife struck him with the poker and he took it away from her. She then caught hold of him and he had to strike her to get free. The Bench said they would give prisoner another chance, and he was bound over and ordered to pay the costs.

East Ham.

BRUTE WELL PUNISHED.

A dealer, John Bruce, 18, of Bridge-st., Mile End, was charged with cruelly illtreating a donkey by working it in an unfit state.—P.C. Merry said prisoner was driving the donkey, which was attached to a barrow, in Barking-rd., East Ham. Accused was prodding the animal with the butt end of a whip, out of which a thin piece of steel was protruding. Examining the donkey he found a wound on the shoulder which was bleeding, some sores on the back, and seven or eight punctured wounds near the tail.—Bruce now said that he did not know the donkey was in such a bad state.—Chairman: It's the worst case the Bench have ever seen.—Fourteen days without the option.

Highgate.

CAPTURE ON A ROOF.

A homeless seaman, Geo. Smith, 27, was charged with being a suspected person found on the roof of Kew Lodge, Regent's Park-rd., Finchley, supposed for the purpose of committing a felony.—He pleaded "Guilty, but I didn't know I was up there."—Miss Murdock, a companion at Kew Lodge, deposed to hearing sounds on the roof. She raised an alarm and prisoner was captured.—Jno. Thompson, who went into the house, climbed on to the sloping roof and captured prisoner.—P.C. Keens produced a sheet of "poetical" appeal for the unemployed, and said he found a bundle of them on prisoner, who was detained in the hall. Witness had no doubt men with the appeal called at houses for the purpose of taking observations for a later visit.—Remanded.

Croydon.

FEVER HOSPITAL CUT OFF.

Charged on remand was Thos. Brinker, of Wentworth-rd., Croydon, with stealing from telephone poles in Parks' Brickfield, Mitcham-rd., Croydon, about 27lb. of telephone wire, the property of the National Telephone Co. Benjamin Tulley, of Tankerton-ter., Mitcham-rd., was charged with receiving the wire, knowing it to have been stolen.—Two detectives saw Brinker carry a sack into Tulley's house, and as he left without it they subsequently went in and found the sack to contain telephone wire, valued at 18s. Tulley said Brinker had asked him to mind the wire for him until the morning, and added that he did not know what the sack contained. Brinker, when arrested, said he found the sack lying in a field and did not know what was in it.—Rbt. Ridge, the divisional engineer, said that through the wires having been cut there was no communication with the fever hospital, which was a very serious thing in case of fire.—Brinker now said he went into the field and found the sack, picked it up, and took it to Tulley, who was not aware that he was coming.—Tulley said that when Brinker brought the sack to him he did not question him about it and when he told the police that no man had called at his house he was half asleep and half awake.—Tulley, who was given a good character, was discharged, Brinker being sent for trial.

Greenwich.

BERMONDSEY'S "SIBERIA."

A man charged with refusing to perform his task at the Ladywell Workhouse of the Bermondsey Guardians, said that a man was sent into exile when he went there. He could not see his wife and family, and when he arrived there the remark was made, "Another come into exile."—Seven days.

North London.

BOY HOUSEBREAKERS.

Some astonishing evidence was given when Fred Basham, 12, schoolboy, of the Grove, Hackney; Albert Buller, 12, of Aspland-rd., Hackney; and Frank Nelson, 12, of Casterton-st., Hackney, were charged with breaking into a number of houses and stealing money from gas-meters.—P.C. 381 J said that on Monday he was conveying all the prisoners in a cab to the remand home, when Basham made a statement. He said:

> We got the piece of candle and some soap powder (which had been found on prisoners) from a house in Queen's-rd. a week before. Me, Nelson, and Buller have broken into a lot of houses during the last month. Me and Buller broke into the house in M[illegible]-rd. about two weeks ago. We got 7s. 6d. from the meter and shared it between us. We had 2s. 6d. each, and went to the World's Fair. The other half-crown we hid in the bank on the fields, but we have since spent it. On Saturday, when you "pinched" me, we all three were together. We broke into about four houses round Dalston in the morning. I left Buller and Nelson at a quarter to two to do my paper round. When I see the magistrate on Saturday I shall tell him all about the houses we have broken into.

CHARACTERS OF THE LADS.

Other statements were made by the boys while in the remand home, in which they admitted getting long nails and breaking into the numerous houses at Clapton and Dalston and stealing the contents of the meters.—Archibald Green, a clerk in the employment of the gas company, said that in these cases the tenants had left the houses without giving notice to the company.—Mr. B[illegible], the industrial schools officer, said that he had inquired into the characters of the boys. He was informed that Basham was the ringleader, but so far as this matter was concerned they were all equally bad. They had all been reading "penny dreadfuls," which had greatly affected their dispositions. Buller had a bad character at school, and

DURING THE PAST THREE MONTHS

had been punished nine times by the head teacher for impudence and violence. Nelson had an exemplary school character. He had never been late once nor missed an attendance in five years. He had five school medals. Basham worked in school hours on a newspaper round, and it was suggested that he noted empty houses, and on Saturdays Buller and Nelson assisted him to break into them. Having heard the parents, who all spoke well of their children, Mr. Fordham said that he should treat Basham as the ringleader and send him to Feltham till 16. As to Buller and Nelson they would be remanded to the special home for another week.

Acton.

PROTECTING THE PUBLIC.

A traveller, Rbt. E. Hart, 37, of Sinclair-rd., West Kensington, was charged with acting improperly with intent to insult females at Back Common, Turnham Green.—A neatly-dressed young woman stated that on Friday night when crossing the common prisoner came up, caught hold of her by the arm and acted improperly.—Mr. Clay: Did he say anything?—Witness: Yes, sir. Hullo, darling!—What did you do? I called out and said I should give him into custody. Prisoner ran away as a constable came up then. She said she saw prisoner on the common on Thursday night.—P.C. 780 T had noticed prisoner loitering about and watched him. Witness was behind a tree when prisoner acted as described by the young lady, and witness gave chase and caught him, and he said, "You have made a mistake."—Mr. H. Pierron, for prisoner, said that he had been mentally affected owing to family and other troubles, and a relative promised to have him examined and taken care of.—Mr. Clay said it was a painful case, but the first duty of the bench was to protect the public.—Two months' imprisonment.

INQUESTS.

A LIVING COLUMN OF FLAME.

The story of an exciting struggle with a burning woman was told at the Westminster Coroner's Court when Mr. Troutbeck held an inquest on Martha Gerrit, employed as a cook at Upper Brook-st., Grosvenor-square.—Wm. Balch, carpenter, said he was working at the house on Feb. 13, when he heard someone call out. Then he saw deceased running towards him with her clothing on fire. He caught hold of her, but she broke away and ran down the corridor. Witness followed and again took hold of her dress, but deceased tore herself away a second time. A manservant came to his assistance, but it was not until the arrival of Dr. Sayer that they could get the woman down and extinguish the flames.—Dr. Hetty Sayer, the occupier of the house and deceased's employer, said she heard screams whilst upstairs, and looking over the staircase saw what appeared to be a column of flame at the bottom. She rushed to her consulting room, seized the largest rug she could lay hands on and ran downstairs. She threw the rug over the woman, tripped her up and extinguished the flames.—The Coroner: Apparently the two men could not get her under control.—Witness: Well, she rushed about and then sat down on a box of shavings which caught light. The whole place was full of smoke. Witness described how she tried every possible treatment for the woman, including hypnotism. Deceased was afterwards removed to St. George's Hospital. The woman attributed her accident to something flying from the fire and setting her clothing alight. There were burns all over the body, and death was due to septic poisoning following these injuries.—Verdict: Accidental death.

YOUNG WIDOW'S BRAVE STRUGGLE.

A distressing case was heard at Westminster where Mr. Troutbeck held an inquest on Noral Brunning, aged 11 weeks, who, according to the medical evidence, died at 16, Nottingham-court, St. Giles's, from bronchitis.—Sergt. Overton, coroner's officer, said that a few weeks ago the father of the child died, leaving a young widow with five children. Two of the children were being cared for by relatives, and the mother was struggling to keep the other three. She was receiving 5s. a week from the parish, and paid 4s. a week for her one room. The woman took in a little washing, which she did at the public baths, but it was a struggle for existence.—The Coroner said he could give the woman a little assistance out of the poor-box.—Sergt. Overton: She is most anxious that the child should not be buried by the parish.—Coroner: I respect the sentiment very much, but it is better to spend the money on the other children.—Verdict in accordance with the medical evidence.

14 KILLED.

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TERRIBLE MINE DISASTER.

THE LIST OF DEAD.

PITIFUL SCENES AT A PIT MOUTH.

A terrible mining disaster has taken place in the county of Durham, and the long list of victims of colliery accidents has been increased by the names of 14 brave fellows who went to their deaths late on Thursday night. The scene of the disaster is the Washington Glebe pit, which belongs to the Washington Coal Co., and is situated about eight miles from Newcastle. In the colliery village itself, upon the first intimation that the pit had fired, hundreds of people hastened to the pit mouth, anxious to learn the nature and extent of the catastrophe.

Waiting and Watching.

For a considerable time the watchers could obtain no definite news either as to the cause of the explosion, or as to the fate of those below. It was then ascertained that the accident had taken place in the pit where ordinarily some 500 men and boys are employed, but of these there were only 16 in the pit. Mr. Ford, the manager, immediately descended and he was accompanied by Maj. Blackett, of the Charlaw and Sacriston Collieries, and by Mr. Kirkup, of the Birtley Coal and Iron Co., together with Mr. Farquharson, Dr. Geddes and several others. Two of the party, however, were so overcome by the atmosphere that they had to be brought to the surface again and attended to.

Anxious Relatives.

The return of these two men threw a gloom over the crowd of anxious relatives and friends who had been in hopes that the entombed men would be found alive, but when the effect of the bad air upon the rescuers was realised, the worst was feared for the poor men below, and with great anxiety the assembly at the pit mouth awaited the return of the manager or others of his party. The wooden portion of the upcast shaft had been blown off, but apart from that there were no indications as to the actual extent of the calamity. Between two and three o'clock on Friday morning the excitement on the surface grew for it was seen that the cage was rising, and the people flocked round to await its arrival.

The Living and the Dead.

It contained one man who was alive, named Yearesley, and one dead body. Yearesley was unconscious, and it was seen that he was badly hurt about the forehead and was suffering from shock and afterdamp. He was immediately attended to, and the doctors resorted to artificial respiration, and gradually he was brought round to sensibility. Another man named Harry Oswald was later found to be alive, but insensible from shock and after-damp. In his case also artificial respiration was requisitioned, but without success, the poor fellow having succumbed to the deadly fumes.

The Exploring Party.

It was not until five o'clock that Maj. Blackett, who had been down the pit since one o'clock, returned to the surface and reported that the ventilation was then good and that progress was being made by the exploring party in their efforts to reach the other men. At six o'clock the bad news was fully known. At that hour Mr. Philip Kirkup came up the shaft and stated that the men had been found, but were all dead. There were 15 down the pit, and of that number only Yearesley had been rescued alive, the 14 others having succumbed. The following is a full list of the dead:—

Harry Oswald, onsetter.
William Rollin, stoneman.
Robert Cowan, stoneman.
Edward Ashman, overman.
Thomas Applegarth, stoneman.
Thomas McNally, stoneman.
James Wake, stoneman.
William Glendenning, stoneman.
Thos. Errington, stoneputter, a boy.
John Clark, hewer.
James Maddison, hewer.
Charles Chivers, shifter.
Albert Wood, stoneman.
John Dixon, stoneman.

The Inquest Opened.

The inquest was opened yesterday at Washington on the 14 victims. Evidence of identification only was given, and the inquiry was adjourned until to-morrow.—The Deputy-Coroner expressed his sympathy with the bereaved, and said it was 20 years since a similar inquiry was held in the district. Representatives of the owners and the Miners' Association also expressed their sympathy with the relatives. The funeral of some of the victims takes place to-day.

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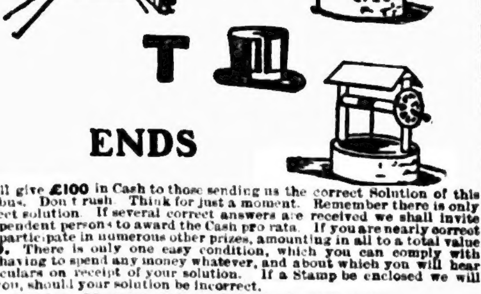

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THE LOWER DECK.

Concessions to Warrant Officers.

After a five years' wait from 1903 the Admiralty have once more given the warrant officers of the Navy further concessions in response to their "Earnest Appeal," which I have so often urged upon the attention of "My Lords" in this column. The concessions can hardly be said to be on the generous side, although they are to a certain extent an amelioration of the present condition of things. The concessions were made known through the medium of a letter from the Parliamentary Secretary of the Navy to Mr. Bramsdon, the Member of Parliament for Portsmouth, and they consist of the partial meeting of two of the four requests in the "Earnest Appeal." The warrant officers asked that all the younger men on their rank, under five years seniority, should receive 7s. per diem, and that all the older men should be promoted to the rank of commissioned warrant officers at fifteen years seniority. To these two requests the Admiralty replied by giving the junior men 6s. per diem, and by placing all the warrant officers specially promoted on a separate list, as is done in the Army. This latter will give only a very slight relief in the direction required, and removes only the most palpable wrong in connection with the long-delayed promotion of the senior men in the warrant rank. Some of the members of this rank are going between 20 and 25 years for a single step in promotion.

The Things Denied.

The two requests which were not met in this appeal were a request by the carpenter warrant officers of the Navy to be allowed to pass for "warrant artificer," and a request on the part of the whole body of warrant officers for compassionate allowances to their children, proportionate to all other classes of naval officers and men on the lower deck. The reply to these requests was, that the carpenter is not to be abolished as recommended by the Douglas Committee, and that no compassionate allowance can be given to warrant officers' children on the death of their bread winner, because the non-effective vote of the Navy must not be added to. As for the carpenters they probably will be glad to know that their very old rank is not to be abolished, and they will have no desire to pass for "warrant artificer" if this is to be the case. But they do desire, and have a right to expect that their own pay and prospects should be levelled up to that of their mechanic messmates and colleagues in the work of looking after the fittings and machinery of a modern ship, and I for one shall be surprised if something of this sort was not done in adjustments which are believed to be under consideration at Whitehall in connection with the naval artisan ratings. In regard to the compassionate allowances for warrant officers' children, when the children of all other officers and the men on the lower deck get an allowance (up to a certain age), if their fathers die on duty, why that cannot possibly be allowed to remain as it is, in common fairness and equality of treatment between man and man and child and child.

Firing from the Light Guns.

Following close upon the heels of the report of the 1907 firing from heavy guns, comes the publication of the report of the result of last year's firing from the light quick firing guns of the large ships, and also the scores made by the guns in the destroyers at their battle practice. Although this firing takes place from small guns it is nevertheless extremely important in both cases. The light guns in the large ships are used at night to beat off torpedo boats and destroyers endeavouring to launch their deadly Whitehead torpedoes at the bottoms of our battleships and cruisers, if they can steal up within striking distance before they are stopped by a hail of shot from the guns of the ships they are attacking. As this hail comes chiefly from the small guns of the ship, the accuracy of the fire from these weapons is highly important, and the 1907 returns show that progress is being made in this as in the shooting from heavier guns. This beating off torpedo boats will have to be done mostly at night, and therefore night practice has to be constantly carried out to perfect the men. In connection with the battle practice firing of the destroyers, these boats sometimes have to meet and beat opposing destroyers defending an enemy's fleet before they can get near enough to launch their torpedoes.

Finding Sailor Boys.

For far too long a time the magistrates of this country have been compounding crime with young vagabonds, whom their fathers could not manage, by getting boys brought before them to enter the Navy rather than go to prison for their offences. Many of us have protested loudly against this practice and have called upon shore folk to skin their own lambs and send us boys sound morally as well as physically to break to the naval yoke of their country. Lately these protests have been, in part, effective, and we have a less number of boys with a criminal taint sent into a service where the very best only are good enough. I am particularly glad now to see that at last the representatives of the people on the County Council have woken up to the fact that the manning of our mercantile marine is a question which very much affects themselves and their constituents. They now propose, and it is a most excellent first step to be followed, I trust, by others, to help the honest, respectable boys who have an inclination for a sea life to be trained as merchant sailors.

Champions of the Fleet.

Mr. Edward Fraser has given all lovers of sea literature an extraordinarily good and informing book in his "Champions of the Fleet" (John Lane, the publishers, Bodley Head, 6s.), and the nation and Navy a work that should be in every ship's library, with a score at hand for the boy readers at Shotley Barracks. The list of sea captains and men-of-war who helped to make the Empire, and the days in which they lived and worked, is told in this book with extraordinary vividness and fascination. It should hold all young minds spellbound, and give the student many happy hours and many a piece of valuable information, while those who would learn of the chief incidents of naval history, and especially of Nelson and his flagship, the still-existing Victory, should secure a copy of Mr. Fraser's "Champions" forthwith. The illustrations, like the text, are of the old world, and they are interesting to a degree by reason of the engravings being so clear and good quite apart from the subjects, which are all good also. It is a fascinating book from cover to cover, and is sure to obtain a wide sale. The February number of "The Navy League Journal" is also to hand, and it is worth a good deal more than the threepence for which it can be obtained from the offices of the league at 13, Victoria-st., London. The information given is wonderfully full and accurate, and it should be read by all who desire to know anything reliable about the world's navies. The battle fleet of Japan is fully described and silhouette pictures given of the principal ships in the February number, and the whole journal is ... [illegible] as a capital threepennyworth by

THE MAN BEHIND THE GUN.

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THE BARRACK-ROOM.

The Sporting Pathan.

Our fighting column has within the past few days come upon the heels of the Zakkas and set the ball rolling with some good practice by the mountain batteries. Although the campaign is but a few days old we have had evidence of the kind of fighting game the Zakkas intend to play, that of almost complete concealment during the day and heavy sniping at the British camp by night. The Zakkas are an infinitely more formidable foe than when Sir William Lockhart paid them a visit some years back. In those days these Pathans were armed with Martinis for the most part made in Cabul and of very indifferent workmanship, Tower muskets, Sniders, and sporting rifles, which are shot into Cabul at refuse prices from all quarters of Europe. As was only to be expected, the shooting was indifferent, and usually the bullets fell short or reached their mark spent. But the Zakkas have learned a thing or two since then. They have obtained modern rifles from heaven knows where, they have ammunition enough and to spare, and they can shoot as well as any battalion in the Indian Army. Mention has been made of the fact that we are sending a force numerically stronger than the tribe we are fighting, but a punitive expedition is not organised for the health of those taking part, but is meant to be as rapid and effective as possible. Moreover, a good Pathan behind good mountain shelter is generally successful in bringing about a number of casualties in the ranks of the attackers in the exposed valley before he takes the lead himself in the shape of shrapnel ball or rifle bullet, and the Zakkas are uncommonly good Pathans. It is said that when Lockhart fought them they sent him an invitation to leave his guns and cavalry behind and come out for a square fight, for they are sound sportsmen these Zakkas, and only a salutary lesson will teach them to remove the scene of their plundering operations further from Peshawur.

Rifle Practice.

Speaking of this hill fighting reminds me of the discussion now raging as to the best form of rifle practice for the marksman, and, incidentally of a remark made by Lord Fincastle in the book he wrote just after he got his cross with the Malakand Expedition. He said.—"Our crack shots, accustomed to taking deliberate aim at a more or less clearly defined object, were at a disadvantage when compelled to rely solely upon snap-shots at a rapidly moving foe." The War Office and Lord Cheylesmore, it is evident, do not agree as to the method of training marksmen, the former contending that after two or three years at the bull, the practice should be changed to firing at disappearing and rapidly moving target, and objects not clearly defined. In open combat where cover is scarce and the object permits of careful aim, Lord Cheylesmore's contention would seem to be right, but all our campaigns of recent years, and especially those similar to that now being waged on the frontier, go to prove that it is snap-shot firing at disappearing objects that is the more effective. Until lately the home battalions have been trained in the former at the expense of the latter method, and it is largely due to the fine shooting developed by Indian battalions at moving targets that a spur has been given to our efforts to encourage the snap-shot marksman. We have in our Army to-day marksmen who can shoot equally well at fixed or moving targets, and this should be the ideal both of instructors and those they instruct.

The War Office & Reservists.

I receive a good many letters week by week from Reservists who wish to go to the Colonies, and the movement received a fillip some time since by the Canadian Government taking over the services of a large number of men discharged from our battalions. The home authorities are never keen on giving a Reservist permission to emigrate, and if the ways of getting the man home again when his services are required are so tortuous as Mr. Haldane explains, then they have some reason for it. Under existing regulations Reservists in the Colonies would have to be brought home again on the outbreak of a large campaign, and as there are nearly 10,000 such men in the Colonies at the present moment, the task would be a difficult one and one fraught with danger. And would the authorities, I wonder, pay the fares of these men, since they are bound by regulations to pay their own, which it is doubtful if 20 per cent. of them could do at a few days' notice. Reservists who are allowed to emigrate should not be reckoned in the fighting force of the home army, but should take service under the banner of the Colony to which they have gone.

The Irish Command.

The troops in Ireland have every reason to congratulate themselves on the appointment of Sir Neville Lyttelton to the Irish command which comes into effect in two months' time. The new Commander-in-Chief has put in 41 years' service, and has been through five important campaigns, besides rendering valuable service as the head of the Military Departments at the War Office. He commanded a brigade at Tel-el-Kebir, and was with Kitchener at Omdurman, and fought throughout the last Boer war. At Spion Kop one of his battalions, the third of the 60th Rifles, saved the battle from becoming an absolute disaster by the fine attack made on the south side of the hill. At Colenso General Buller placed him in command of the left wing, where he had to cover the retreat of the Irish battalions, who had been almost shot to pieces by rifle bullets at 300 yards and the terrible guns of Fort Wylie. Throughout the campaign Sir Neville proved himself a sound practical commander, and he was marked down for an important position at home as soon as a vacancy occurred, and it was expected long since that he would step into Lord Grenfell's shoes in Ireland.

Warrant Officers.

Among my letters this week I find the following from a correspondent at York: "In endeavouring to do the right thing by non-coms. and men, and so induce recruits to come to the colours, the authorities are showing an aptitude to overlook those of longer service and tried worth. I refer to the warrant officers, who have an important position to maintain, and yet in some respects are worse off than those below them. The recent regulations provide a flagrant instance of this. A non-com. promoted to warrant officer rank gets the five pound gratuity, but the warrant officer who receives the good conduct medal is forbidden the gratuity which goes with it. As it so happens there are in the service any number of men who received their promotion in some instances only a few days before becoming entitled to the medal, so [illegible] is a matter of [illegible] the pr[illegible] merely a few [illegible]. This [illegible] is only one [illegible] warrant officers have fallen behind [illegible] in the new pay regulations, and I propose to deal with [illegible] more [illegible]

T. ATKINS.

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THE VOLUNTEERS.

Who is the Alarmist?

A vast amount of harm must result to the prospects of the Territorial Forces by the publication of an unnecessarily stringently worded circular for which somebody at the War Office is responsible. Mr. Haldane, by his judicious changes and his tactful speeches during the last few months, had gone a long way towards reassuring the employees, if not the employers, that there need be little hesitation among men who have given their services (many for long periods) as Volunteers in transferring such services to the new Territorial Force. The War Secretary can hardly have been aware of the repulsive modes of giving explanations of some subordinate to whom was entrusted the new Army Forms for the attestation of recruits which have aroused a strong feeling among the Volunteers who are being pressed just now by their officers to join the new force for one, two, three, or four years. It is of course, necessary that a recruit should clearly understand what he is undertaking, but it is not necessary, and not wise, to state the facts with the cast-iron brutality that characterises the latest War Office circular. Commenting upon these forms, the military correspondent of "The Times," who is thoroughly in accord with Mr. Haldane's ideas for the most part, observes:— "Both the notice and the attestation paper referred to in the above statutes are merely 'such as are for the time being authorized by the Secretary of State,' and there is no compulsion laid upon the latter either to word them in an offensive manner or to make them the means for an inquisitorial investigation into the private affairs, the character, the relations, or the medical history of the recruit. Such inquiries are greatly resented by the class of man we require in the Territorial Force."

The New Springfield Rifle.

A Chicago contemporary—"The Evening Post"—gives a fulsome eulogium of the new Springfield rifle now being supplied to the United States Militia. "The new Government Springfields are pronounced by Col. Bliss to be the last word in rifles. They will execute at a distance of five miles, and in target shooting at 1,000 yards the highest point in the arc described by the projectile is only 19 inches above a straight line drawn between the muzzle of the gun and the point where the bullet strikes. 'Ten good marksmen, armed with these rifles,' the colonel said to-day 'could stop any regiment of troops in the world attempting to move across the face of the fire. One of the aims of the Government in encouraging the formation of the national and State rifle associations and aiding them with great appropriations, was to bring back the civilian proficiency in the use of firearms which has been lost to a great extent by modern conditions of living. In the annual contests, such as the one which will be held at Camp Logan in August, the shooting is at all distances from a few yards with the revolver to 1,000-yard shooting at the rifle targets. One thousand yards is about 10 city blocks, and the target is only about three feet square, so you can imagine the proficiency which has been attained by some of the citizen marksmen who last year made almost perfect records at that distance.'"

The Service in Parliament.

Some new facts may be gleaned from Mr. Haldane's answers to questions in the House the other night, but it is not satisfactory that information so necessary should be dribbled out bit by bit. He said that married non-commissioned officers only in the Territorial Army would be granted separation allowances. The cost of extending it to privates as in the Regular Army was held to be prohibitive. With regard to the lady recruiting officer, Mr. Haldane said that he saw no reason why Mrs. Paterson, the lady recruiting agent, should not be allowed to wear the rosette which Col. Walsh gave her.

Mr. Haldane, replying to Mr. Watt, said that he could not at present say how existing units would be affected by the new Territorial Army scheme, and he would not, therefore, say whether the 2nd Batn. Highland Light Infantry would be disbanded or not. The Army Council has decided that, for this year, Imperial Yeomen may take their own horses to the annual regimental training, as previously, receiving the horse allowance.

Queen's Westminster Volunteers.

An enormous gathering of members of this regiment and their friends, of whom a very large proportion were ladies, assembled on Wednesday for the distribution of prizes, which will be the last of such ceremonial gatherings of the corps, which for over a century have, from time to time, brought the citizens of Westminster together. Col. Trollope, the commandant, who, as the late C.O., Col. Sir Howard Vincent, stated, was one of the earliest members to join as a recruit in the existing corps, dating from 1859, was in most respects a satisfactory one. The strength—928—compares favourably with the numbers of the two or three years previous, though not with those of the war years. They had only 15 non-efficients, the percentage of efficients—98.2—being the best ever recorded. The shooting might be called very good, the general figure of merit—121—being only slightly lower than that of the Inns of Court R.V. They stood second in the London District. They had won the Mullens and two other important team prizes, and individual members had won an aggregate of £350 at the last Bisley Meeting. One of their representatives—Lance-corpl. Fritton—had gained the honour of champion of Tasmania on the recent visit of British riflemen to the Antipodes. They could not but feel some regret that the old order of things was coming to an end, but they all rejoiced that in the new Territorial Force the corps would still bear the honoured name of the Queen's Westminster Volunteers.

Lord Esher is Hopeful.

Viscountess Esher gave away the prizes, and Lord Esher, as Chairman of the Territorial Forces Association of the County of London, responded to a vote of thanks moved by Sir Howard Vincent and Col. Romilly, the Brigadier. Sir Howard Vincent had told [illegible] of favourable reports of all the brigades and of the honourable history of the corps in two centuries, but he looked forward with hope to the next two centuries. Gen. Mackinnon might not agree with him, but it was easy to pre[illegible] the Volunteer Force now passing [illegible] would be allowed [illegible] [illegible] In concluding, Lord Esher said the county proposed to set an example to the whole country by providing two of the finest divisions in the whole Territorial Army, and he believed one of the finest battalions in those divisions was the battalion he was addressing that night. They would retain the name of the Queen's Westminster Volunteers if His Majesty approved, and he hoped they would go over to the Territorial Army as a whole.

What I am Told.

That Col. G. H. Trollope, V.D., who has been over 40 years an officer of the Queen's Westminster Rifles, has been granted a year's extension in his command of the corps, which he has held since March, 1904. That the cost of week-end camps for training the Territorial Force will be [illegible] officers from the training [illegible], and such camps are to be considered as training camps and not as drill [illegible]. That on Friday, Feb. 28 [illegible] of Paardeberg), the City Imperial Volunteer Mounted Infantry [illegible] will hold their reunion [illegible] at the Cafe Monico at 7.0 sharp, when the chair will be taken [illegible] W. Reid. The hon. [illegible] Norton, 37, Kennington [illegible]. That the sergeants of [illegible] Rifles will hold their annual dinner at the Holborn Restaurant [illegible] Feb. 29, and Maj.-gen. Sir Alfred E. Turner, K.C.B., has [illegible] to be present. The [illegible] commanding the 2nd V.B. Royal Fusiliers will direct a staff [illegible] sergeants at Seaford on [illegible].

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OUR CIVIL SERVANTS.

The Crown Agents.

Mr. Clyde Hay has turned his attention to the office of the Crown Agents for the Colonies, and has asked so many embarrassing questions about it that Mr. Winston Churchill has announced the Colonial Secretary's willingness to appoint a small committee to inquire into and report on its administration, with a view to seeing whether the clerical staff can be brought into line with Civil Service clerks. Curiously enough, the Colonial authorities can see no reason why the Crown Agents' department should be manned by Civil Servants. They see nothing [illegible], however, in appointing retired officers of the Army to direct the operations of one of the largest "commercial houses" in the country.

Mr. Hay's Chief Aim.

Mr. Hay has told me that his chief aim is to try and secure opportunities for Civil Service clerks to transfer to the Crown Colonies if they desire so to do, and he thinks this could be done if the Crown Agents' office were run under proper service conditions. At present it is a "close corporation," and its patronage is given on anything but catholic lines. I had myself an experience of that some years ago. A friend of mine who held a post in the office had to deal with an application from some potentate in the tropics who wanted somebody to do something. My friend, for some reason best known to himself, thought of me, and extolled my points to such purpose that, although I knew it not, I was on the point of being selected when a scion of a noble house walked in, presented a letter, and sailed forthwith. Whether he filled the bill or not, I am unable to say, but I mention this to just show the casual way in which things can be done in business of this sort.

The Junior Clerks.

There is one matter connected with the office which, to my mind, is more serious than methods of patronage, and that is the pay of the junior clerks. Until the present year these men were engaged at £50 a year, but owing to rumours of an inquiry into the administration of the office the commencing salary has been raised to £70. The conditions under which the juniors are engaged, are, that their pay shall not be less than the clerks of the same service in the Second Division, but I am assured that there are men working for the Crown Agents who, after five years' service are receiving only £80 a year, whereas men of the same service in the Second Division are receiving £100. One cannot, of course, say that the latter are receiving too much, but one can say, and I do say most emphatically, that the Crown Agents are sweaters of the worst type if they cannot do better than is here stated on the authority of one who has served under them. No wonder, says my informant, that the reserve fund of this curious office is nearly half a million sterling when they pay their clerks so badly, and it is quite time that something was done to put these clerks of the lower grade on a better footing, and, as he puts it, "to allay the seething discontent which abounds in the office." Not a very nice comment on the administration by one who has had actual experience of what's what!

The Women Again.

I have argued several times in this column for a little justice for women typists in our Government offices. It makes my blood boil to think that smug officials who are receiving £18 a week should have the conscience to write minutes to the effect that a typist in London ought to manage on 18s. If something be not done soon I shall say that the Members of Parliament who protest they wish to befriend the helpless are not sincere. What makes me so savage is that one cannot get anything definite out of the departments. To every inquiry about the fate of petitions sent in months ago is the invariable and most exasperating assurance that the matter is "receiving careful consideration." I verily believe that if I were in Parliament and I received that reply too often from the Treasury Bench I should do something that would shock the Speaker. Here [illegible] are several hundreds [illegible] worked [illegible] offices who have been [illegible] than 12 months for a reply to a [illegible] petition asking for [illegible] reply at the [illegible] yet been received.

Helpless.

Why are [illegible] men in this way? [illegible] Postmaster-General [illegible] for what they do [illegible] work under [illegible] than most men workers, but I do not [illegible] in the House [illegible] by Mr. McArthur [illegible] Mr. Hall [illegible]

More Socialism!

At the risk of being voted a nuisance I once again revert to the subject of Socialism in the service. During the last week it has occupied the mind of the Postmaster-General, whose ingenious argument that Socialism is not politics has brought a hornet's nest about his ears. From all sides he has been bombarded with questions which have taken a lot of answering. He is in a regular corner, but having got his back to the wall he is warding them off by stating that so long as the Socialists do not say they will take an active interest in politics he sees no harm in their playing with fire—or words to that effect. In the meantime we find [illegible] country, and the more active spirits [illegible] making a brave effort to lead the van. At the next conference of the Postal Telegraph Clerks' Association in Glasgow, which takes place in April, it is authoritatively stated that Liverpool will move that all the profits shall be divided among the staff. [illegible] If the service is not to be [illegible] half-sleepy postal servants must wake up. On him at present the fate of the loyal Civil Service hangs. But did not Nero fiddle while Rome burned.

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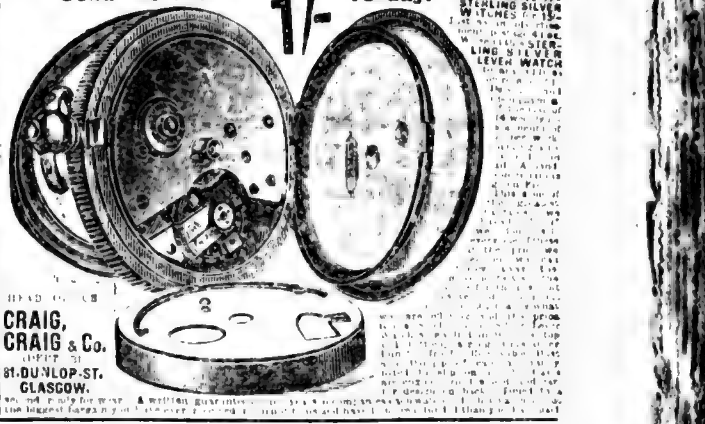

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THE FLEET FIRST!

To-morrow the Navy Estimates will be in the hands of members of the House of Commons. We shall then know what consequences—and they may prove to be most momentous—the further postponement of the Navy Estimates has had for our first line of national defence. At the present time all that is known is that the professional advisers of the Government have made a demand for an increase—very small, but still an increase—in our naval expenditure in order to enable us to do what is absolutely indispensable to meet the steady, ceaseless competition in the building of warships with which we are threatened by Germany. We should have thought that the most convinced advocate of economy at any price—or at almost any price—would have bowed to the necessity so plainly pointed out by the Government's professional advisers. But that is not so. Unhappily it is the fact that a solid body of the more extreme Radical supporters of the Government is determined to make every effort to induce Ministers to fulfil their election pledges of retrenchment by making further reductions in the expenditure on armaments. That determination (to be embodied in a resolution to be moved by Mr. Murray Macdonald) will be met by Mr. Arthur Lee, on the part of the Opposition, with a strongly-worded amendment setting forth the readiness of the House to grant whatever supplies are requisite for maintaining "the necessary standards of naval and military strength." We rejoice to know that the Unionist party will not be left to fight the battle of naval and military efficiency without support from that section of the Ministerial majority which has completely lost its head over this question. No fewer than 82 Liberal members have signed a memorial to the Prime Minister expressing confidence that the Government will "preserve the defences of the Empire in a state of complete efficiency," and deprecating "any pressure for the modification of those Naval Estimates which the deliberate judgment of the Cabinet approves." All honour to the Liberal Imperialists who are thus standing in the breach to prevent a policy of national suicide! But they, and the Unionist Opposition with them, must rally every vote upon which they can depend, for the Little Navyites, the Socialists, and the Irish Nationalists will strain every nerve to cripple the Navy, if they can; and it is much to be feared that they will not be left without support within the very Cabinet itself.

TRADE SCHOOLS ADVOCATED.

The 15th annual meeting of the Association of Technical Institutions was held yesterday at the Drapers' Hall. Prof. Gardner moved a resolution in favour of a great extension of trade or craft schools. He said the ranks of the unemployed were mainly recruited from the boys who had never learned a trade.—Mr. C. T. Millis seconded. Principal Gannon moved an amendment that the Council be requested to make an inquiry into the organisation necessary for a comprehensive and graded scheme of technical education.—Ald. Snape seconded.—After further discussion, it was decided to limit the action of the association to inquiry.

TALK OF THE PEOPLE.

The Premier's Health.

Everyone is glad to hear of the improvement in the health of the Premier, and, more particularly, those who are aware how very ill he has really been. His work since he has been Premier has put upon his strength a greater strain than it could bear, and I understand that even the Premier himself has at last been brought to recognise the fact. Whether he will go to the House of Lords or not is not yet, I believe, decided. He would certainly do so but from fear of the ridicule which would attach to his doing so in face of his threats against that House. But it is pretty certain that, in any case, he will never again undertake the active leadership of the House of Commons, and that the practical management of the party, of which he is the nominal head, will be left in other hands. Sir Henry cannot risk such another attack as that from which he is now happily recovering.

His Successor.

It is quite settled that Mr. Asquith, who has been acting as his deputy in the leadership of the Commons, is to succeed him as the active head of the party. He is a man of amazing energy and industry, and is, perhaps, quicker than anyone else in politics in ripping the heart out of any subject which is put before him. But he altogether lacks enthusiasm, and his cold, clear intellect is very much better suited to the atmosphere of the Courts than of the House of Commons. Before everything else he is a lawyer, and lawyers rarely make successful party leaders. I prophesy that his leadership will be marked by storm and rebellion among his followers, and I very much doubt his capacity to hold the party together at all. The Labour members will certainly make things hot for him.

"Indentured Labour."

The chickens are coming home to roost with a vengeance. A more humiliating exposure of the lies by which the present Government climbed into power than is contained in the admission of the Under-Secretary for the Colonies it would be hard to imagine. The Transvaal Government are to be allowed to bring in "indentured labourers" from Madagascar, though two years ago every Radical platform rang with denunciations of the iniquity of the system when it was applied to the Chinese. If it was "slavery" for the Chinese it is "slavery" for the Malagasies. One is yellow and the other black, but that is the only difference; and one can stand amazed at the cynical hypocrisy—I am sorry I can use no milder term—of the men who roused heaven and earth against the Unionist Government for permitting Chinese indentured labour, and are now quietly acquiescing in it in the case of the Malagasies.

The Price of Coal.

When you find yourself paying more for coal, more for bread, and more for meat, please remember whom you have to thank for the increase. To curry favour with the miners the Government have lent their sanction to a Bill which will raise the price of coal by two shillings a ton, and if you think the butcher and the baker will not be compelled to raise their prices to meet it you will find you are very much mistaken. It will cost more to bring the meat to us and more to bake the bread for us, and the public will have to pay the difference. I have more than once spoken strongly here about the Coal Bill, and I do so again because the fixing of the miners' working hours at eight will infallibly inflict such terrible suffering on the poor.

Sweated Industries.

The Sweating Bill has many features which call for criticism, but of the need of doing something to cut the sweater's claws there is no question. But, as Mr. Goulding pointed out, the most prolific cause of sweating is the free importation of alien paupers, and to set themselves really to check that is just what the Government will not do. It was the Unionist party which first took up the subject of sweating, and even now the Government do not seem to be able to make up their minds what they ought to do about it. Mr. Gladstone seemed afraid to commit them to anything, and, for all his sympathy, the course he took of referring the Bill to the overworked Select Committee on Home Work was the one best calculated to prevent it from becoming law. Lots of fine words, and precious little else, is what you get from this Government.

The Russian Police.

Russia is so humane a country that capital punishment, except in very extraordinary cases, has been abolished there, and Russians are never tired of telling us that Siberia is really quite a nice part of the world to live in. A little chilly perhaps at times, and the society rather limited than select, but still quite tolerable for an exile. How comes it, then, that whenever one of the Nihilists or Revolutionaries is captured by the police, he or she almost invariably tries to commit suicide? The plain fact is that when one of these people gets into the hands of the Russian police, he is subjected to nameless tortures from which death is the only relief.

A Corrupt Bargain.

Unless I am very much mistaken Mr. M'Kenna's Education Bill will, when it sees the light, show very suspicious marks of a bargain with the Irish Nationalists. It is generally understood that it will be proposed to allow those denominational schools to receive rate aid, in which the parents of three-fourths of the children declare themselves in favour of denominational teaching. Practically that would restrict the benefit to Roman Catholic schools, and it is impossible to imagine that the provision could have been inserted with any other intention. It would entirely account for the curious silence of the Irish Nationalists on the subject of this year's Education Bill. I do not hesitate to describe it as a most unscrupulous and discreditable manœuvre, which in the end will certainly do the Government no good.

WIDE AWAKE.

THE MINERS' BILL.

"YOUR FOOD WILL COST YOU MORE"

AN OMINOUS OUTLOOK.

(Special to "The People.")

The miners' (Eight Hours) Bill, which was introduced in the House of Commons this week by Mr. Herbt. Gladstone, is one of the most pernicious measures which have been placed before the House for some time. If the bill ever becomes law—which is doubtful—it will drive up the present high price of living very considerably. One of the chief opponents of the measure told a "People" representative last night that the bill would decrease the present annual output of coal by over 25,000,000 tons, and that this would mean a consequent rise in the price of coal by not less than 2s. a ton to the consumer.

Dearer Living.

The results of this would not be far to seek. Nearly everything required by the householder would be dearer. The price of gas would rise, and nearly every article manufactured in this country would cost the purchaser more. Bread would cost more, and indirectly—through increased cost of carriage—nearly all foodstuffs would rise in price. The poor man in his cottage would not be able to afford to have coal fires—the cost would be beyond his meagre means. In addition travelling would become more expensive.

Dear Gas for London.

The Radical Government, with its usual disregard of the promises it made at the General Election, will cause London alone to spend over £300,000 more per annum for its gas bill. How these figures are arrived at can be seen below. According to the latest official returns the number of gas consumers in the London area are as follows:—

	Ordinary Consumers.	Automatic Gas.
Gas Light Company	[illegible]5,170	2[illegible]7,722
Commercial	[illegible]2,065	54,964
South Metropolitan	107,985	204,120
	38[illegible],2[illegible]0	5[illegible]

Total, 895,[illegible]2[illegible].

These three London companies alone consume between them 3,100,000 tons of coal annually, and an increase of 2s. a ton on this means £310,000 a year on London's gas bill. How pleased those voters who helped to elect the present Government will be when their increased gas bills start coming in!

Public Alarm.

—Sir Geo. Livesey, the chairman of the South Metropolitan Gas Co., was one of the first to recognise the real dangers presented by the Bill. His remarks on the subject are therefore interesting.—"There is no time to be lost if this disaster is to be averted," he said. "The consumers themselves—the inarticulate millions who will have to foot the Bill if it is presented—have as yet failed to realise what it means to their pockets. A deputation of coalowners was received by the Home Secretary on this subject recently, and Mr. Gladstone expressed some surprise that the users of coal had not themselves moved. His remarks gave the impression that any representation on their part would not be unwelcome. Not only the gas companies, but the corporations supplying gas may well be on the alert. They could champion the private consumers of coal, and especially the poor, who will probably suffer most from a permanent increase in price."

EAST BIRMINGHAM.

PENDING RESIGNATION OF SIR BENJAMIN STONE.

For some time it has been reported that Sir B. Stone would not seek re-election for East Birmingham, but it is regarded as probable that he will retire before very long, and a local executive have been in communication with the Central Conservative Association in London, and a definite announcement may be expected in the course of the next few days. Sir Benjamin is 60 years of age. At the general election the figures were: Stone (U.), 5,923; Holmes (Lab.), 5,343. (U.) majority, 580.

NEXT GENERAL ELECTION.

At a meeting of the S.E. Essex Conservative Association held at Southend, Capt. J. R. Newman was unanimously adopted Unionist candidate for the division.

BOARDS OF GUARDIANS.

L.C.C. PROPOSAL TO ABOLISH THEM

The Local Government Committee have prepared an important report, with recommendations to the L.C.C. on the future of the Poor Law Administration, which will come up for consideration at Tuesday's Council meeting.

The Committee make the following recommendation:—

1. That in the administrative County of London the powers and duties of the Poor Law authorities should be merged in the general Municipal Government.

2. That the City Corporation and the Metropolitan Borough Councils should be the authorities charged with the administration of those duties now performed by the London Boards of Guardians which are local in their character.

They also propose to delegate to those authorities assessment, in the six cases where Boards of Guardians appoint assessment committees, registration of births, marriages and deaths, and vaccination.

The Committee also recommend that there should be transferred to the Council, acting through its Education Committee:—

The powers and duties of the Metropolitan Asylums Board in respect of special schools for poor law children, remand homes, the management of institutions and homes for poor law children now in the hands of the guardians of the poor and the joint boards for school districts, the education of poor-law children, and the maintenance of poor-law children.

At the annual meeting of the Reigate division Conservative and Unionist Association at Redhill, it was reported that 4,000 members had been enrolled since the election, and that Capt. Rawson, the prospective candidate, had addressed over 100 meetings. There were 4,500 members of the Women's Unionist Association, reported to be the largest and most active in the country.

MASTER AND PUPIL.

MARRIED MAN'S INFATUATION.

A WIFE'S SUSPICIONS.

Yesterday a story of a music master's alleged infatuation for one of his pupils was told at the S.W. Police Court, when Matthew Dunn, professor of music, Clonmore-st., Southfields, was summoned for having deserted his wife, Mrs. Amelia Dunn, a schoolmistress, in the service of the L.C.C., living at Galveston-rd., Putney.—Complainant, who is engaged at a school in Basnet-rd., Battersea, said she married defendant in August 1899, and after spending their

Honeymoon at Ostend,

when there was a quarrel, they lived at a flat in Oakhill-rd., Putney. He deserted her in May, 1905, having, she alleged, become infatuated with one of his pupils, Miss Winifred Gregory. The first notification she received of his intention to leave her was the receipt of a telegram from him while she was discharging her duties at school. The telegram was sent to the head master. She cycled home as rapidly as possible, and subsequently called at 5, Amerland-rd., West-hill, Wandsworth, where Miss Gregory resided. Her husband was there. He abused her, said he had no wish to live with her again, and advised her to agree to a separation.—The Clerk: Had you reasons for being suspicious about her? No, but about others. Witness added that she had asked him several times to provide a home for her, but her overtures were refused. He certainly offered to accommodate her at the residence of Miss Gregory, but witness regarded the suggestion as

A Gross Insult.

—Mr. de Grey: So I understand you to say that you refused to return to him? I refused to live in the same house as the woman with whom he had become infatuated.—Mr. Sidney Jones (defending) desired to say at this point that there was absolutely no foundation for the assertion that improper intimacy existed between defendant and Miss Gregory. She was the daughter of well-known inhabitants of Wandsworth, highly respected, and all they had been doing was to shelter defendant from his wife's violence.—Complainant denied that the domestic unhappiness had arisen owing to the presence of her mother in the flat.—Mr. Jones: Did she not once take up a knife to him? Not to threaten him with.—Mr. Jones: What for then? To defend herself.—Mr. Jones proceeded to read a number of letters, in some of which the wife addressed her husband

In Affectionate Terms,

and the latter appealing to her to return to live with him if only for the sake of their only son.—Mr. de Grey said he noticed that no reference was made in the letters to Miss Gregory. Mr. Jones said that was so. He had a bundle of letters in his hand. Defendant had frequently asked her to return, but he refused to have anything to do with her mother. He went to the expense of furnishing rooms in Clonmore-st. She wrote him alleging he had failed both as a husband and a father, and in another of his letters she complained of "his bad temper, his murderous attacks on her, his dreadful neglect, and his curses and threats." She interviewed him after he had gone to live in Clonmore-st., and allowed him to believe that her affections were with another.—Complainant said she did not mean that. She told him if he did not give up Miss Gregory she

Would do Something Herself.

She was very angry at the time. She had not told anyone she was determined to drag her husband to the police court and show him up. It was true he had offered her the home in Clonmore-st., but the accommodation consisted of two small furnished rooms in a five-roomed house, not suitable to a lady of her position to live in. She was quite willing to return to him if he provided a proper home.—Mr. Jones invited the magistrate to say that the rooms in question constituted a proper home.—Mr. de Grey said there must be some independent testimony as to that, and adjourned the summons for defendant to receive his wife back, remarking that if she refused to go she would put herself in the wrong.

THE PLAYHOUSE.

"FIDO."

"Fido," brought out lately at a matinee by Mr. Cyril Maude on the reappearance of Miss Winifred Emery after too long an absence, was last night put into the evening bill, and confirmed, alike upon its intrinsic merits and by its favourable reception, the encomium it received in our critique of the piece on its production.

The pretty play was last night preceded by the revival of a delightful one-act comedy, by Messrs. Eden Philpotts and Chas. Groves, entitled "A Golden Wedding," originally presented ten years ago at the Haymarket, with Mr. Cyril Maude in the character of the testy and kindly septuagenarian scientific professor, again assumed by him, and Mr. Valentine in the part of the hearty old admiral, now taken by Mr. Alfred Bishop. With Miss Marie Linden as the sweet, lovable wife of the professor, serving as peacemaker between her husband and his old sailor chum in a sudden squall of temper, which, raging on their tongues, never reaches the old fellows' hearts, the piece held the audience in the spell of its mingled humour and pathos to the end. A more delightful trio has never appealed to the emotions and won the sympathies of an audience than Mr. Maude's genially pedantic scientist artistically contrasted against the breezy kindliness of the "old salt," with both parts tempered by the womanly grace of the professor's wife, so tenderly embodied by Miss Marie Linden. The bill, made up of two such attractive items, gives pleasant promise of filling the Playhouse benches while Mr. Maude is rehearsing, at his leisure, his next production, "Marjorie Strode."

A complimentary concert to the "Gray's Dusky Party" was given in St. Lawrence Hall, Catford.

A GREAT GALE.

DAMAGE ALL OVER THE COUNTRY.

A TRAIN BLOWN OVER.

MANY LIVES LOST IN ENGLAND.

A violent gale accompanied by terrific hail storms and thunder and lightning raged over the greater part of England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales yesterday, doing great damage and causing death and injury to a number of people. Trees and telegraph poles were torn up and buildings overturned and unroofed. At Oldbury a woman was killed by a falling chimney. Another woman was killed by the collapse of a floor at a Manchester restaurant. A miller was killed by the collapse of his mill near Wisbech, and the piermaster's son at Sheerness was drowned by the overturning of his boat.

REMARKABLE ACCIDENT.

Nearly the whole of the Burton train to Donegal had a narrow escape. The carriages were blown off the rails while crossing the Glenveagh Valley, hanging dangerously over a bog. The six passengers were rescued safely. At the Sincil Bank football ground, Lincoln, the big stand was half blown down, and some 30 people were hurled into the field behind. Five persons were seriously injured, including Mr. J. H. Strawson, the managing director. A man named Cooper was taken to the hospital in a serious condition. The game was stopped for some time.

A MATCH ABANDONED.

The top was blown off the stand on the Birmingham ground, causing the league match between Birmingham and Notts Forest to be abandoned. Fortunately no one was injured.

The match between Hull City and Gainsborough had to be temporarily suspended, a portion of the roof of the last stand was carried away, but happily it fell clear away from hundreds of people seeking shelter underneath.

REMARKABLE FLOOD SCENES.

Some exciting scenes were witnessed at Preston. The River Ribble was flooded owing to the persistent rain, and when the tide was at the flood the river overflowed its banks and submerged the low-lying lands. Broadgate, the principal thoroughfare to Liverpool, was flooded, and the houses adjoining were inundated by water. The electric tram service was abandoned for several hours. Derbyshire was visited by a thunder storm unequalled for many years past. There was a heavy fall of hail accompanied by a severe gale of wind. Considerable damage was done.

FUNERAL PROCESSION STOPPED.

A big brewery chimney shaft at Whitchurch (Salop), was blown to the ground, damaging adjacent property. Large trees fell across roads in various parts of the district. Two of them fell across Cemetery-road and stopped a funeral procession. Telegraph and telephone wires were snapped by the falling trees in several places, and several public institutions were damaged considerably.

CHURCH TURRET BLOWN DOWN.

Much damage was done in Eccles and neighbourhood. The Town Hall had a huge hole made in the roof by a falling chimney stack, and at Patricroft Parish Church a turret and some of the coping stones were blown off. The house of Mr. Grindle, a member of the Eccles Town Council, was greatly damaged. At Winton the end of a house was demolished, exposing the interior, while trees falling across the electric wires greatly interfered with the tram traffic.

STORM-SWEPT COAST.

A telegram from Holyhead states that a storm of almost hurricane force swept over the Anglesey coast. About noon a large steamer was observed off the port requiring assistance, and a steam lifeboat put out to her aid. The vessel, which proved to be the Benoroy, succeeded, however, in rounding the breakwater and dropping her anchor, but almost immediately she drifted on to the huge boulders. The tug Nora and some other steamers went to her assistance. The lifeboat was deluged with heavy seas, and in consequence of the severity of the weather several ships went into the harbour for refuge.

MISHAP TO A STEAMER.

Owing to the gale, the mail s.s. Stola was unable to land the Orkney mails at Kirkwall. She was proceeding to Stromness, when she fouled with a trawler and was rendered helpless, a rope entangling her propeller. The mails were landed after considerable delay, and, owing to the mishap the service remains interrupted.

HOSPITAL LAUNCH ASHORE.

During the boisterous weather at Sheerness the Gunnery School hospital launch parted from her moorings and was driven ashore. A waterman named Edwd. Wright fell overboard from Sheerness Pier, and was drowned, the rough sea preventing his rescue.

KIPS OF LEATHER.

Yesterday at the Tower Bridge Police Court Harry Liscombe, 41, oil and colourman, of St. James's-rd., Holloway, was remanded on bail, fixed at £400, on a charge of being concerned with other men not in custody in stealing 60 kips of chamois leather, value £250, from a Bermondsey warehouse. Two detectives went to the prisoner's shop and were told that he was not at home. Noticing that his wife ran upstairs, one of the detectives followed her, and found the prisoner lying on a bed partly dressed. He said he had bought 40 kips from a traveller, at 30s. the kip, and had got the receipt. The detective remarked that the value was placed at 55s. a kip.

THE SHUTTLEWORTH CLUB.

The annual fancy dress ball of the Shuttleworth Club was held in the King's Hall, Holborn Restaurant, last night, and proved an unqualified success, the members and their friends attending in large numbers for one of the most enjoyable functions of the club's programme for the winter session.

MET AT AN HOTEL.

ARCHITECT'S SON SUED.

AN ACTION THAT FAILED.

At Newcastle Assizes yesterday an action for breach of promise of marriage was heard, plaintiff being Lena McKeown and defendant Herbert Morton, son of a Newcastle architect. Mr. Harold Newall, who appeared for plaintiff, said she was born in Newcastle of respectable parents, her father being a commercial traveller and her mother a well-connected woman. Defendant first met her at the end of 1899, while she was housekeeper at a South Shields hotel. Defendant pressed his attentions upon her in a serious way.

Your Dear, Sweet Face.

Plaintiff returned defendant's affection, and they exchanged presents. A large number of letters passed between the parties, and defendant sent plaintiff poetry, which, counsel thought, was homespun. (Laughter.) One sample began: "Thy face is with me when I walk alone," and concluded, "Oh dear, sweet face be near me all the while." On June 3, 1901, plaintiff was staying at Whitley Bay, and there, under promise of marriage and his ardent professions of affection, defendant seduced her. There were over 100 telegrams making appointments from defendant.

Betrayed and Deserted.

—At the end of 1903, continued counsel, plaintiff found defendant was playing a double part. There had been a quarrel and a reconciliation. Plaintiff wrote some angry letters. On Oct. 15, 1907, the matter got into a solicitor's hands. Plaintiff having been betrayed and cruelly deserted, wrote to defendant's father, placing the whole circumstances before him, and correspondence ensued between solicitors. Defendant had seduced plaintiff and had monopolised her life for the past seven years. She was 25 years of age when he first met her, and she was now 33.—Justice Channell said there was nothing definite about marriage in the letters, and it would be necessary that the girl's story should be corroborated.

Plaintiff's Evidence.

—Plaintiff, a lady of attractive appearance, gave evidence in support of counsel's statement. She stated defendant was surveyor for South Shields, and she understood he received £18 a month. He had other work besides. Up to June, 1901, when she went to Whitley Bay defendant had made no promise of marriage to her. He had suggested marriage, and on June 3 he said that when he was in a better position he would make a home for her, and that they should be married. Towards the end of 1907 she discovered that he had not been faithful to her. She wrote to him on Oct. 16 saying:

> I cannot find English words to tell you of my contempt and feelings of disgust towards you.

She added that she had respected him, but now she hated him, and said he had acted as a cur or a cad would have done.

Would Have Stopped the Case.

—Mrs. Haggerty stated that plaintiff was staying with her, and Mr. Morton called. Witness said, "I presume you are Mr. Morton, Miss McKeown's fiancé, and he said "Yes."—His lordship said that but for this evidence he would have stopped the case.—Mr. Scott Fox, for the defence, said defendant would deny promise of marriage. It was nothing more than an individual relationship.—Defendant said he had never on any occasion directly or indirectly promised plaintiff marriage. On the contrary he told her she could go to anybody she chose. He went to Whitley Bay on her invitation, and what took place there was at her request.—Mr. Scott Fox said they were not trying a case of morals, and this was not a straightforward case of a promise to marry, but was one which should never have been brought into court.—Judgment was given for defendant, the jury finding that there had been no promise of marriage.

THE WRONG NOTE.

THE CALM BEFORE THE STORM IN THE MUSIC-HALL WORLD.

Matters are not much "for'ader" in the latest music-hall dispute. The usual number of alleged indignation meetings have been held, but it is safe to say that the "two-and-a-half" enthusiasm has somewhat evaporated. I am still of opinion that matters could be amicably settled and the Benevolent Fund of the V.A.F.'s materially swollen on the right side if a more tolerant attitude were adopted by that militant body. Though belonging to a federation, each member should have the right to an individual opinion and should refuse to be led "like a lamb to the —lock-out—slaughter." The music-hall artists who have banded themselves together under the name of "The Artists' Protection League" have called a mass meeting for Sunday evening, March 1st., at 6.30. This will take place at the Tivoli, which has been kindly lent by the directors. The object of the gathering is to protest against the action of certain V.A.F. officials in the charity matinee question as being against the best interests of the music-hall profession generally and the V.A. Benevolent Fund in particular. A well-known variety star has promised to take the chair, supported by other prominent members of the profession. Under these circumstances I refrain from passing any further comment on the situation. With others, I hoped that when certain powerful members of our pleasure makers took an interest in the V.A.F. that the society would adopt more of a protective than an aggressive policy, and what opinions I have held over the latest agitation have really been prompted by the best of feelings. There is a great deal of talk about "the willing slave," but there can be no bigger despot when once he gets the upper hand than one of your own trade or profession. I have received several anonymous and abusive letters, and it is only out of a regard for what is best in the profession that I refrain from printing them. They are enlightening documents as to the intelligence of, I hope, a very small minority. G.

INFATUATION

FOR ANOTHER MAN'S WIFE.

ATTEMPTED MURDER CHARGE.

Yesterday at the Stratford Police Court Jas. White, a labourer, of Grange-rd., Walthamstow, was charged with cutting and wounding Maud Hewitt, by stabbing her on the shoulder with a knife, with intent to murder her.—Mr. C. C. Sharman, prosecuting, said the case was a strange one, but simple as to the facts. Prosecutrix, with her husband and children, lived in the upper part of the house where prisoner stayed with his mother and stepfather. There was a general impression that prisoner was not quite right in his head, and it was on account of this that Mrs. Hewitt had not taken serious notice of what he had said to her on various occasions. He had been in an asylum. He had made suggestions for elopement, had frequently molested her, and last Saturday night he followed her about so persistently that she at last ran home. She then told him she would get him into trouble, and he left home, returning on Friday night, when the event happened.

An Extraordinary Letter.

—Prosecutrix, who said her husband was an electrician, at present out of work, gave evidence supporting her solicitor's statement. Prisoner left the house last Monday morning. During the time he was there he was very friendly towards her, and on more than one occasion made improper suggestions, to which she refused to listen. He had, she said, often asked her to go away and live with him, and he had written suggestions of the kind on scraps of paper, which she had burned. Last Saturday she went to Stoke Newington to see a sister, and everywhere she went he followed her. At last she ran away from him. On Tuesday morning a letter came by post addressed to her husband. He opened it, and they read it together. The writing was like that on the notes he had given her. The letter ran:—

> To Mr. C. Hewitt.—Just a few lines to tell you the goings on of your beautiful wife. I have had to leave home through her. If I had not I should have murdered her several times. When you thought she was at the Salvation Army she was with me. Last Saturday we went to her sister Alice's, and coming from there she met a friend named Charlie Ridley, and she promised to meet him on Sunday night. He paid for a bottle to put her beer in because she could not drink it. If I was you I should cut her — head off. She is the cause of me leaving home. If I had not left I would have done it myself. She is false to me and her children, and not fit to live. We have been to her sister Alice's place twice, and she is a sly — Ask her sister if she did not take me to her.—James White, late 32, Grange-rd.

—Witness, continuing, said on Friday morning she was in her room sewing when something seemed to fall against the door. There was a rap on the door and then prisoner rushed in. She screamed out, "Oh!" but he said nothing. He at once rushed at her, seized her by the throat, and knocked her down. Then he dragged her towards the door, and tried to strangle her. She felt as if she was choking, and after a struggle she got away from him, and then it was that he must have cut her.—Mr. Sharman: There was a struggle, you say?—Witness: Yes; there was an

Awful Struggle in the Room,

but I overpowered him, and I think that I bit one of his fingers.—Witness further added that her screams brought a neighbour, and when she got out of the house she ran to a friend's, where she felt something trickling down her back, and on the floor she saw blood. Then she found that her left shoulder was cut.—Prisoner: Have you not met me by appointment up at the "Lighthouse" (a mission hall at Walthamstow) and at the Archway?—Witness: No; never. I have never made an appointment with you, never!—Prisoner: That is all I've got to ask.—Dr. Wallace, who was called to the prosecutrix, said that on the shoulder itself, midway between the point and the neck, there was an incised wound half an inch long, and deeper than its length. It was such a wound that could only have been inflicted with some force with the well-worn pointed table knife (produced). If the wound had been an inch more forward it would have penetrated a vital spot.

What a Neighbour Saw.

—Jno. Forrester, a shoemaker, of Grange-rd., said that on Friday morning prisoner's mother rushed through his house and climbed over the fence into her own yard. He followed her, and hearing a woman scream he searched the lower rooms and then ran upstairs. In the front room he saw prisoner with the woman on her knees. He had got her by the throat and shoulder, and he gave her what witness thought was a punch on the shoulders. Witness assisted her down the stairs, and as prisoner was about to follow her he pushed him into a back room, where he dropped the knife (produced) which witness picked up and gave to the police. When witness got into the house he found the back door open, but the front door was bolted top and bottom.—P.C. Johnson spoke to hearing cries of "Murder!" and ran to the house, where he found Mrs. Hewitt at the door. In a back room upstairs he found prisoner who, when charged, said, "I tried to strangle her first. The knife is downstairs. How did you get in? I bolted the door."—Prisoner, who said he had no statement to make, was committed for trial for attempted murder.

ACCIDENT AT ROPE WORKS.

Owing to the bursting of a steam pipe at the Rope Works opposite the George Tavern, Commercial-rd., E., three men were badly scalded yesterday. One man named Ernest Minter, 22, was so seriously injured that he was taken to the London Hospital and detained, but the injuries of the others were not so severe.

FATAL FIRES.

Early yesterday, W. Brooks, 88, was burned to death at 353, New North-rd., N. Some wearing apparel took fire in a back room on the first floor where Brooks was sleeping.

CLIFF MYSTERY.

(Continued from page 1.)

EX-SOLDIER DETAINED.

TAKEN BY POLICE FROM LONDON TO BOURNEMOUTH.

Last evening Frank McGuire, who has been in the Army, was handed over by Det.-Sergt. West and Det. Sumner to the Bournemouth police. He was detained on Friday night and conveyed to Gerald-row Police Station, Westminster. It is said that a man answering to the description of McGuire was seen in the company of deceased early in the week, and that he subsequently left for London. It is hoped that he will be able to throw some light on the mysterious affair when he is brought before the magistrates to-morrow. The Central News states that McGuire is the son of a cook living in Bournemouth. He is about 20 years of age, and stands over 6ft. Of late he has been employed as a picture dealer. An autopsy has been made by the police surgeon, but the actual cause of death has not yet transpired.

FRANK MAGUIRE.
Photo, Stanford.

The Inquest Opened.

The inquest on the victim was held last night.—The only witness called was the mother of deceased, Mrs. Laver, of Plymouth, who stated that her daughter had been away for four years. She heard from her every two or three weeks. The last letter stated that she was not well, and did not wish to make a visit to her only sister as she had arranged.—In answer to the solicitor who appeared for the friends of the deceased, witness said her daughter was a respectable well-conducted girl, and on good terms with witness and her sister.—The Coroner thought this was as far as he could go that day, and upon the application of Supt. Hack, who stated that a man had been arrested upon suspicion of causing the death of the woman, and had just been brought to Bournemouth, it was decided to adjourn the inquest until March 3.

THE SPOT WHERE THE BODY OF MISS SHERRIFF WAS FOUND.
Photo, Topical.

The Dead Woman.

Miss Sherriff was 35 years of age, and the daughter of Mrs. Laver by her first husband. Mrs. Laver is the wife of a cabinet-maker at Plymouth, and does a thriving dressmaking business there. Miss Sherriff was brought up to the dressmaking business. According to her mother she had a little competence of her own, and need not have worked at all if she were so inclined; but she was energetically inclined and was fond of keeping her fingers busy. She came to Boscombe about four years ago and took lodgings with Mrs. Lane, at Tower House.

LANDLADY'S STORY.

SAYS MISS SHERRIFF HAD NO LOVER.

Mrs. Lane is a widow, and has a business at Boscombe. Referring to Miss Sherriff she said, "She was a very quiet young lady, and one of the nicest you could imagine. She had no love affair, and never kept company with any young man in the accepted sense. The last I saw of the poor girl alive was on Tuesday evening. I thought it rather strange that she didn't return by ten, for if she was going to be late, which was very rare indeed, she would always tell me.

"The next I heard was the discovery of her body. Oh! it was a dreadful shock! I don't know any more, and I haven't heard whether she has been murdered or only died a natural death. But what she could have been doing in that lonely spot I can't for the life of me imagine.

"So far as I know she never had a trouble. She was not a robust girl, but she was never depressed. She was rather of a religious turn of mind, and attended regularly the St. John's mission hall on a Sunday evening. She generally wore a gold watch and some rings when she went out. These were not on her when I saw the body. Of course, she may have left them in her room."

Senhor Franco, the Portuguese ex-Dictator, with his family arrived at Nervi.

ACTRESS'S ESCAPE.

PUT BACK TILL NEXT SESSIONS.

LIFE IN THE WEST-END.

Yesterday at the Middlesex Guildhall, the young woman, Lily Clowes, described as an actress, who was at the recent sessions bound over by Sir Ralph Littler to come up for judgment, surrendered to that order. It will be remembered that Miss Clowes was indicted for stealing two children [illegible] belonging to different persons, also for stealing a watch and other articles, the property of one of these persons. She pleaded guilty to [illegible] of the larceny. A woman was indicted with her in connection with one of the children, but she was too ill to attend the court, and is to be dealt with at the forthcoming sessions. Det.-Sergt. Tritton stated that Miss Clowes [illegible] Regent's Park and was taken over by the [illegible]. Escaping from the home after a few hours' stay, she was [illegible]

Associating with Immoral Women

in Oxford-st. When she left the court last time she was practically in very [illegible] very different from what she was wearing now. Notice to appear was served on her, and she was allowed to go and stay with her mother [illegible] to the present. The accused girl's mother, a well-dressed woman, of Messina-avenue, Kilburn, said she was a widow, her husband had been dead many years. Mr. Montagu Sharpe: What do you do for a living?—I am a medium, a clairvoyant.—Do people come to your house?—Yes, and I go to people's houses.—How is it your daughter has been leading this immoral life?—I cannot explain. She had a good home. She got a berth on the stage. When about 16 years old she left home suddenly, and I

Searched London Through

and through, but never could find her.—How do you account for her leaving this home after promising the court to go?—She told the chairman [illegible] she would return [illegible] it was arranged for her to go elsewhere. The only reason I can give for her escaping is that she acted on the spur of the moment.—Where did she get these fine clothes for parading Oxford-st.?—I cannot say. Since she has been home with me she has not been out at all. All those clothes belong to me, with the exception of the jacket.—Asked what she had to say,

Accused, in Tears,

said she was very sorry. She explained that she would not plead guilty to what had been stated about Oxford-st.—Mr. Sharpe said it would be better for Sir Ralph Littler to deal with her, as he knew more of [illegible] be remanded till next sessions.—Accused: Don't send me to prison till then.—Mr. Sharpe: We are going to [illegible] take care of yourself.—Mr. Sharpe also asked Sergt. Tritton to make full inquiries into the alleged Oxford-st. conduct by accused, also to furnish information as to her mother's affairs.

CHARWOMAN CHARGED.

SOLDIER SON-IN-LAW BADLY WOUNDED.

Yesterday, at North London Police Court, Amelia Park, 51, charwoman, of Queensland-rd., Holloway, was charged with maliciously wounding her son-in-law, William Phillips, a private in the 2nd Dragoon Guards. Prosecutor appeared with his head surgically bandaged. He said that he got leave on Friday night and visited his wife. They were in bed at the house in Queensland-rd. when prisoner entered the room and smashed a heavy glass beer bottle on his head,

DAZED, AND STREAMING WITH BLOOD

he rushed from the room, and seeing a constable gave his mother-in-law into custody.—Prisoner's explanation was that they had all been drinking together.—Dr. Bolger said that the man was badly cut about the forehead, the bone being exposed.—The constable who arrested prisoner said she declared she meant the blow for her daughter.—Prisoner was remanded to see how the injuries progressed.

DARING POST OFFICE ROBBERY.

A daring robbery was committed at the counter of the Maidenhead Post Office. A respectable man asked for a postal order for £1, and then tendering the money for it, he snatched the order from a lady clerk and bolted. He was pursued, but got away. Two hours later the order was cashed at Clewer St. Stephens Post Office.

L.C.C. STEAMBOATS.

Negotiations are now pending between the Thames Steamboat (1905) Co. (Ltd.) and the London County Council, the object in view being the acquisition of the whole or part of the Council's fleet of river steamers, which, according to its recent decision to stop the service, the Council will no longer require.

ELECTRIC FLASHES.

NEWS ITEMS FROM ALL QUARTERS.

Wheat rose one-penny per cental on the Liverpool market.

Snow has been falling heavily in South Russia for two days.

The Boston police are searching for Mrs. Gilbert, who disappeared from her home on Tuesday morning.

[illegible], aged 40, lodging in [illegible], was found in bed with his throat cut.

The funeral took place of Mr. Geo. Patterson, one of the best known men in North Warwickshire.

Mrs. Elizabeth Fletcher, one of the oldest postmistresses in England, has died at Warton, Preston, at the age of 86.

John Cook, who has been a pensioner from the Royal Marines for over 50 years, and is now 91 years old, is living at Boxley, Maidstone.

Walter Watson, a Nottingham miner, was at work when he was killed by a fall of earth. Inquest verdict accidental death.

The headquarters of the North Wales Brigade, which is to be formed under the new Territorial Army scheme, will be at Wrexham.

The funeral took place at Axbridge of the late Mr. G. G. Tonks, one of the [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] New York [illegible] having sighted the Gulf of Mexico [illegible]

OIL STEAMER LOST.

FINDING AT THE BOARD OF TRADE INQUIRY.

Yesterday the Board of Trade inquiry into the loss of the Anglo-American Oil Co.'s s.s. Housatonic on a rock near the Maidens Light-house, in the Irish Channel, on Jan. [illegible], was concluded at Caxton Hall, Westminster. After the vessel had failed to answer her port helm, he struck the Russell rock and sank after taking fire. A strange story was told by the third officer regarding the drowning of the second engineer, G. E. Hudson. The officer stated that the men in the lifeboat refused to obey his order to go back a few yards to pick up Hudson, who was clinging to the ship, and he explained that their action was due to the fact that they thought the ship would explode. After hearing the evidence the court found that the

CAUSE OF THE STRANDING

was that the vessel did not make good the course set. The court was of the opinion that the vessel was not navigated with proper seamanlike care, and that the loss of the vessel [illegible] answering properly. The court reter. The court considered that the master deserved censure for leaving the bridge before the vessel was in a perfectly safe condition, and that it would have been better if he had stopped and reversed the engines when he found that the helm was not answering properly.—The court refrained from dealing with the master's certificate, because he was unfortunate in losing his chief officer on the morning the Housatonic sailed, and because of his long service.

THE STEPNEY TRAGEDY.

Yesterday at the Thames police-court, Chas. Baker, 24, a barman at the Lord Raglan public-house, Southgate-rd., Islington, was again brought up, and formally remanded on a charge of attempting to murder Miss Gertrude Linton, at the Fish and Ring public-house, Whitehorse-st., Stepney, and further with attempting to commit suicide.—Det.-Sergt. Gardler informed the magistrate that Miss Linton was progressing most satisfactorily.

CITIZEN SOLDIERS.

DOINGS OF LONDON VOLUNTEERS.

(SPECIAL REPORTS.)

At Ma[illegible] Hall Tavern, Col. C. Rumsey presented the prizes at the annual dinner won by members of [illegible] 4th V.B. Queen's [illegible] Regt. [illegible] The prize winners were [illegible]

[illegible] 4th V.B. [illegible] were distributed at the [illegible] Tavern, Kensington [illegible] presiding [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] string band of the battalion.

BILLIARDS.

THE AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP.

[illegible] Mr. [illegible] Jenkins defeated Mr. [illegible] in the competition for the Amateur Championship [illegible] Mr. Anthony [illegible] Mr. Jenkins played a [illegible] The leading breaks [illegible] Mr. Jenkins [illegible] The final scores were: Jenkins, 1,000; Anthony, 961.

C. HARVERSON v. W. J. COLLENS.

The 16th heat in Messrs. Burroughes and Watts's tournament at Soho-sq. ended in an easy triumph for Harverson, who commenced yesterday's proceedings with a lead of 869, at 6,800 against 5,861. The only break over a century was 244 by Harverson, and the final figures were 8,000 and 6,295 respectively, so that Harverson won by 1,705 points. At snooker pool Collens won 64 games to 54 and scored 651 points to 625.

T. REECE v. A. E. WILLIAMS.

This match for £100 was continued at Manchester. At the opening of play Reece led by 2,611 and he finally won by 2,558, the closing scores being: Reece, 16,000, Williams, [illegible]

W. A. LOVEJOY v. A. F. PEALL.

On an "Ivaley" table at Brompton-rd. Lovejoy attempted to concede young Peall 1,000 in 7,000 up, but suffered defeat by 695 points. The closing scores were: Peall 7,000, Lovejoy, 6,305.

MARKERS' ASSOCIATION TOURNAMENT.

Two heats of 400 up were decided in this competition at Messrs. Orme's saloon in Soho-sq. W. Critchell (rec. 100) beat [illegible] Collins (rec. 130) by 79 and C. Elsey (rec. 100) defeated A. E. Willcock (rec. 145) by 136.

INDOOR GAMES AND PASTIMES.

NOTES, PROBLEMS, & PUZZLES.

BY OUR OWN SPECIALISTS.

CHESS.

[By T. F. LAWRENCE.]

[illegible]

A [illegible] International master [illegible] the [illegible] Prizes [illegible] from 4000 [illegible] prizes downward. There will be [illegible] petitors [illegible] day for [illegible] there will [illegible] amateur [illegible]

It is [illegible] tory of the [illegible] Chess Club in the A Division of the London League [illegible] time the [illegible] doners. The match was played at the City of London Chess Club, and the Ladies won by 11½ to 8½.

Dr. [illegible] has been commissioned by Prof. [illegible] to play a series of games at the [illegible] with [illegible] Recent experiences have tended to upset the received opinion that the [illegible] was dead and buried. On the contrary it is very much alive.

Cambridge University defeated Norfolk County in a match played at Cambridge by 7 games to 6. Mr. W. H. Gunston (Cambridge) won prettily from Mr. A. J. Nicholls at board No. 1.

PLAYED IN THE BERLIN JUBILEE TOURNAMENT.

QUEEN'S PAWN OPENINGS.

White, Spielmann. Black, Teichmann.

White.	Black.	White.	Black.
1 P–Q4	P–Q4	21 Kt–B6	Q–Q2
2 P–QB4	P–K3	22 B–B4	R–Q3
3 Kt–QB3	Kt–KB3	23 Kt–K5	BxKt
4 B–Kt5	B–K2	24 BxB	R–Bsq
5 Kt–B3	QKt–Q2	25 R–Bsq	R–B5
6 P–K3	Castles	26 Kt–Kt5	R–B7
7 Q–B2(A)	R–Ksq(B)	27 P–R5	P–R3
8 R–Q3	PxP	28 Kt–Q5	RxR
9 BxBP	P–QR3	29 RxR	Q–R5
10 P–QR4	P–B4(C)	30 Kt–Kt7	Kt–Kt3(F)
11 R–Qsq	Q–B2	31 P–R5	KtxR
12 B–R4	Q–R4	32 PxKt	RxBP(G)
13 Castles	Kt–Bsq	33 KxR	Q–B5ch
14 Kt–K5(D)	PxP	34 K–K2(H)	QxR
15 PxP	Kt–Q4	35 Q–Kt6(I)	Q–B7
16 B–Q2	Q–Qsq	36 K–Bsq	P–Q5(J)
17 BxKt(E)	PxB	37 P–R6	Q–B8ch
18 Q–Kt3	B–K3	38 K–B2	Q–Kt8ch
19 QxKtP	R–Ktsq		Resigns
20 QxBP	RxP		

A A fashionable move preventing Kt–K5, but in no way superior to the more usual B–Q3 or R–QBsq.

B Leading to a cramped game. P–B4 was more in order.

C Inviting the powerful R–Q6. Better would be P–QKt3.

D White's game is manifestly superior.

E But here allured by the gain of a Pawn he gives away practically all his advantage. Black's Queen Bishop is released and the Rook at once come into embarrassing action.

F Well timed.

G Finely played and showing a firm grip of the possibilities of the position.

H A blunder, though the why and wherefore is not apparent. The better play would be 34 K–Ktsq, QxRch, 35 K–Bsq, Q–Kt7, 36 P–R6 and Black has nothing better than the draw by perpetual check.

I Kt–Q8 gives better chances. In fact it is difficult to see how Black can then win.

J Decisive. White has no defence. A good game.

SOLUTION OF PROBLEM No. 318.

By V. Marin.

Key move: 1. Kt–B5.

If KxKt, 2. R–R5 mate.
If QxKt, 2. P–K4 mate.
If KtxKt, 2. R–Q4 mate.
If P–QB3, 2. Q–Q4 mate.

Many solvers gave 1. Kt–Q7, but this fails against P–QB3.

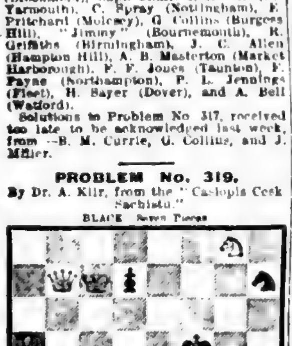
Correct solutions received from:—A. E. Knight, "J. N. S.," W. H. Stewart, R. Lochner, G. Carruthers, J. E. Rosser, "Old Solver," Alf. W. Cockburn, C. H. Taylor, F. Naylor, T. N. H., A. W. Bush, R. F. Green, C. Salmon, C. E. Cockburn, E. Burge, J. T. Brazier, A. F. Benson, H. A. Bleksley, F. Seace, S. W. Northcott, T. Frampton, E. H. Cobb (London and district), E. R. Haslam (Birkdale), W. Carter (Cheam), R. Garby (Redruth), B. M. Currie (Leicester), A. J. Torry (Sheerness), P. G. L. (Tunbridge Wells), Nellie Morris (Winchelsea), W. Allen Thompson (Dawlish), C. F. S. (Salisbury), C. Burnett (Biggleswade), John Streaks (Oxford), F. W. Shaw (Northampton), W. Rogers (Bexhill), E. W. Turner (Broomfield), Capt. Challice, K.W.R. (Gt. Yarmouth), C. Spray (Nottingham), E. Pritchard (Molesey), G. Collins (Burgess Hill), "Jimmy" (Bournemouth), R. Griffiths (Birmingham), J. C. Allen (Hampton Hill), A. B. Masterton (Market Harborough), F. F. Jones (Taunton), F. Payne (Northampton), P. L. Jennings (Fleet), H. Sayer (Dover), and A. Bell (Watford).

Solutions to Problem No. 317, received too late to be acknowledged last week, from:—B. M. Currie, G. Collins, and J. Miller.

PROBLEM No. 319.

By Dr. A. Kilr, from the "Casiopis Cesk Sachistu."

BLACK—Seven Pieces.



WHITE—Seven Pieces.

WHITE.—K at QB7, Q at QKt7, Rs at QB4 and K4, Kt at KKt8, Ps at QB3 and KR4.

BLACK.—K at KB4, Rs at Q7 and KB7, Kts at QR5 and KR7, Ps at Q2 and Q6.

White mates in three moves.

Solutions (on postcards preferred) to be addressed "Chess" Editor, "The People," Milford-lane, W.C. They should be posted so as to arrive not later than Wednesday noon in each week. In two-movers the key move only need be given. In three-movers the following variations.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

[illegible]

CARDS.

[By E. B. TURNER.]

CRIBBAGE.

[illegible]

A.	B.	C.	D.
3	3 for 3	for 6	3 for 12
4	4 „ 2	4 „ 6	4 „ 13 go
7	7 „ 2	7 „ 6	7 „ 13 go
6	6 „ 2	6 „ 6	6 „ 13 last card

B pegs 8. D pegs 31.
D pegs 31.
2 for his heels 2.

Total 6?.

With the Knave turned up not a single point is held in hand by any of the players, and B and D win the game by [illegible]

[illegible]

A	B	C	D.
Q	Q for 2	6 7	11 for 2 1 for 6 1 for 14

[illegible] I will publish the names of those who [illegible] two problems and the [illegible] week, in my next notes. I have not had my letters from the office yet.

BRIDGE.

I played out the problem I set a fortnight ago with two good players and I give the result of the play below. The key to the play of the hand is that Z (the dealer) must on every possible occasion take his finesses into B's hand, so as to prevent A's Hearts being established, and to take B's lead up to Y's strength [illegible] he should get in.

	A.	Y.	B.	Z.
Trick 1.	H 4	H 10	H A	H 3
Trick 2.	D 5	D 4	D Q	D A (1)
Trick 3.	C K	C A	C 5	C Q
Trick 4.	C 2	C J	C 8	C 4
Trick 5.	C 7	C 3	C 10	C 5
Trick 6.	S K	S A	S 2	S Q (2)
Trick 7.	S 3	S 10	S 5	S J (3)
Trick 8.	H 2	D 7	D 2	C 9
Trick 9.	S 4	D 3	S 6	S 9 (4)
Trick 10.	H K	H J	D 6	H 5
Trick 11.	S 7	D 10	S 8	D 3 (5)
Trick 12.	H 6	H Q	D J	H 7
Trick 13.	H 9	D K	D 9	H 8

Y Z win 3 by cards and the game.

Remarks.—(1) Trick 2, Z cannot return a Heart, so his best chance is to open his strong suit of Diamonds, and lead the Queen from the Q, J, 9. If A has the Ace of that suit he will return it through the King, 10, and make B's Knave good. Z must take the trick with his Ace so as to lead his Queen of Clubs through. A must cover the Queen of Clubs led so as to make the 10 good. If B should hold it doubly guarded. (2) Trick 6. B is in a hole. He must either lead up to the tenace in Diamonds or open Spades up to the Ace, 10. I think he is right in playing the Spade, as then if A has anything Y must get in on the table, and will have either to lead Diamonds to his Knave, 9, or put A in with a Heart. (3) Trick 7. Z overtakes to make his last card. (4) Trick 9. Z can see game if he makes the best Spade, the King of Diamonds, and one of his Hearts. So he plays out the Spade, as he can practically count two Spades only in each of the other hands, and then leads a Heart to establish his Queen. (5) Trick 11. A must lead the Spade, as if he leads a Heart the game is over. This is one of those hands which could very easily go wrong on either side. The two gentlemen who played it with me were much pleased with it. I shall give the scores of those who play it out, when I get them, next week.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Cribbage.—T. J. Ewing. Very many thanks, I will keep it for future reference. H. Foster. 20. E. Main.—There is no rule

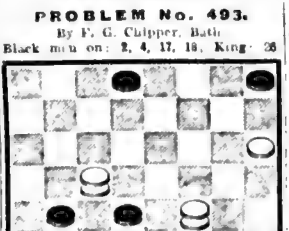
DRAUGHTS.

[By J. M. ROBERTS.]

PROBLEM No. 493.

By F. G. Chipper, Bath.

Black men on: 2, 4, 17, 18, King: 26.



White men on: 12, 24; Kings: 14, 19.

Black to move and win.

Neat and decisive. Should be solved from diagram.

PROBLEM No. 494.

By H. M'Kay.

Black men on: 5, 8, 11, 13, 15, 16, 19.
White men on: 17, 22, 23, 26, 28, 31.
Black to move and win.

PROBLEM SOLUTIONS.

No. 491.—By J. Perryman, West End D.C.
Black men on: 3, 9, 10, 11, 21.
White men on: 12, 18, 23, 26, 30.
Black to move and win.

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10 15   * 21 25     3 26     8  3    26 22
26 22     30 21    12  8    30 26     7  2
 9 13     15 19    26 30     3  7    22 18
18 14     23  7                     B. wins.
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No. 492.—By J. Perryman, West End D.C.
Black men on: 3, 4, 15, 17, 19, 24, 27.
White men on: 9, 10, 11, 25, 26, 28, 30.
Black to move and win.

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17 22    11  4     4 18    28 19    18 27
26 17     3  8    19 23    27 31    31 29
 4  8                               B. wins.
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CRITICISM.

[illegible]

[illegible] 1905 English [illegible]

[illegible] Mr. White [illegible]

Black, W. [illegible]. White, E. [illegible].

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11 15     7 14    12 16     6 10     5  9
23 19    26 19     x 22    11  7    B 23 19
 5 11    11 16    13 22    10 15     9 13
27 23    19 15    26 10   *27 23    19 16
10 14     9 13     2  7     3 10     6  1  6
23 19    32 27    25 22    21 19
14 23    16 20     7 14    15 24
19 10    30 25    15 11    21 12
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A Varies from [illegible]

B [illegible]

C Mr. Wheeler [illegible] 27 here would [illegible] won for him.

Mr. Wheeler [illegible] a draw to which Willie replied "Yes, but you have the best of it." What say the critics?

Game No. 6?—"DOUBLE CORNER."

Black, Willie Gardner. White, [illegible].

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 9 14    17 10     [illegible]     27 23     3 17
22 17     6 15    25 18    18 27    25 23
11 16    21 17     x 14    32 16    17 21
15 22     5  9     B 15    14 17    23 19
16 19    17 13    11 15    29 11    15 24
24 15     2  6    29 25     4  8    28 19
10 14    30 25     9 14    21 14    Drawn
23 16     7 10    15 11     8 11
12 19    22 18     1  5    16  7
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A The [illegible]

Game No. 6?—"WILL O' THE WISP."

Black, H. T. Smith. White, W. H. Dawson.

Played at the Clapham Club.

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 9 13    18 24     1  5    23 19    15 24
23 19     7 10    14 23     1  5    11  7
11 15    29 25     5  9    13 16    10 15
22 18     6  9    17 24    12 19     7  2
15 22    25 22    11 15    23 16    24 27
25 18     2  7    32 28    14 18     2  7
 8 11    27 23     7 11    10 14    27 31
13 15     9 11   * 20 23     7 16     7 10
10 19    18  9     3  7    20 11    14 18
24  8     5 14    24 19    18 23    22 15
 4 11    31 27    15 24    24 19     9 14
                                    Drawn
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A submitted to draw and correct game 6?, where 14 18, 10 15, 3 8 are given all resulting in White wins. A copy of Lees's and Sturges's [illegible] is offered to anyone who can show a White win after this. D [illegible]

WILLIE GARDNER IN THE CITY.

A most enjoyable and interesting evening was that of the 12th inst., when Mr. Willie Gardner gave one of his inimitable Blindfold Exhibitions at the City Club, Karns Cafe [illegible] Play commenced at [illegible] proved most interesting [illegible] hours progressed all the games being well contested, while some of the wily ones "mixed 'em up a bit" in the hope of forging the "blindness." But it didn't come off, for Willie came out with the fine score of 8 wins [illegible] to his credit, losing not a single game, though two gentlemen subsequently discovered that they had let the side [illegible] pass them by. The onerous duties of "Teller" were carried out by Mr. H. M. Bleakston in admirable style, and only those who have witnessed an indifferent artist in this position can realise how much his work tended to the evening's success. A pleasing feature was the attendance of the fair sex. The draws were scored by Messrs. F. Wheeler, D. Barker, A. E. Colvil, J. Tadgell, J. B. Tucker, and P. J. Hogston. The arrangements were admirable, and Mr. Stanley Jackson is to be congratulated thereupon.

CITY OF LONDON v. LONDON WANDERERS.

The return match between these clubs, played at Karns Cafe, Gracechurch st., brought forth another fine contest, and a notable feature of which was the fact that on the first nine boards the City led by 5 to 2. The following is the score:—

W.	City	D.	Wanderers	W.
0	R. Atwell	1	W. Scott	0
0	H. Sallaway	1	F. Fenchelen	0
1	J. Tadgell	0	C. Dison	0
1	C. H. Smith	0	W. Ashley	0
0	A. E. Colvil	0	T. Kent	1
1	G. Phillips	0	A. Frankel	0
0	A. H. Christison	1	W. G. A. Young	1
1	C. Wheeler	0	A. Shepherd	0
1	J. M. Roberts	0	A. Lonen	0
0	H. M. Bleakston	0	W. Quilter	1
0	J. Stratton	0	R. R. Dean	1
*	J. B. Tucker	*	H. Addison	*
0	H. Wagnell	1	W. M. Lee	0
0	A. Ritchie	0	W. Cooper	1
0	A. Steptenson	0	J. Gaily	1
1	A. Prince	0	F. W. Lewis	0
0	W. R. Kenny	0	A. Clark	1
2	J. Moore	0	A. H. Wilson	0
0	L. Wray	0	C. Taylor	1
8		4		8

*This game was left for adjudication at the following position: Black (City's player) on 3, 21; Kings 7, 16. White (Wanderer) on 12, 20; Kings 8, 14, 22. Black to play.

LONDON CHAMPIONSHIP.

This all-round tourney commenced at Chivers' Restaurant, Farringdon st., on Tuesday. In the first round W. Scott, A. Jordan, and J. Lyons scored a win and draw against J. Grant, F. Kaiser, and W. R. A. Young respectively. R. Atwell and H. Vink each won the White side of 9 13, 22 18, and J. Birkinshaw and R. Sallaway played two draws. Play continues each Saturday (6 p.m.) and Tuesday (7.30).

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Amalgamated Press beat Balham in the fourth division of the London League by 7 to 5.—In the first division the Poly. opened their score-sheet by beating Kilburn by 7 to 3. A friendly match recently played between teams representing the great carrying firms of Sutton's and Foster Porter was won by the former by 12½ to 5½.—E. Hine has again won the championship of Worthing, J. Gammons being the runner-up.—The Yorkshire championship final between Gardner and Goldsborough will be played on conclusion of the former's tour.—We hope clubs are not forgetting the E.D.A. subscription sheets; the executive have a heavy financial burden to face, and all help will be valued. The English championship tourney once over, the English clubs cup competition will be taken in hand.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

D. G. McKelvie.—Letter awaiting you. W. H. Franks (Oxford).—Book forwarded, we can supply any work you wish. J. Jackson (Methil).—Thanks for letter, we understand from your opponent that things are going on all right now. J. Parker (Southampton).—Solution quite correct. J. Kindred.—Regret yours arrived too late for note in this page. Monday's first post (as stated a week or two since) is now the latest time for receipt of matters requiring note on this page. W. H. D.—18 15, 24 28, 23 27, 6 1, 14 10, 28 32, 27 24, 1 5, 10 6, and Black forces the exchange and wins. "Hill's Manual" (7d. post free) contains all these positions. W. G. Thomas.—Letter to hand too late, however 8 K [illegible] on that square would have been unnatural. W. H. Watson.—Quite correct, but too late for prize. S. Hicks (Ipswich) and W. G. Day (Twickenham).—Books forwarded. H. Hewson.—Don't forget Rule 6, inter-club competition. P. Dorset.—Glad your efforts are meeting with success, re correction, continue 7 11, 15 8, 24 19, drawn, book for warded.

PUZZLES.

[By C. P. BASLLEY.]

"I was resolved to [illegible] him into the land of Puzzledom."—Rickaboux.

RULES.

1. Solutions [illegible] to be found on Page 2 [illegible] on or before Thursday [illegible] Editor, "The People," [illegible] Strand, London, W.C.
2. The [illegible]
3. To [illegible] appeal [illegible]
4. In the event [illegible] awarded [illegible]
5. [illegible]

(These [illegible] needed solely for our readers [illegible] paper are [illegible] part in the contests.)

PRIZES.

For the best list of [illegible] to this week's Puzzles we will send a copy of THE NUTTALL ENCYCLOPÆDIA.

For the second best list of answers we will send a copy of "BRACEBRIDGE HALL," by Washington Irving.

For the third best list of answers we will send a copy of "THE WRECKER," by R. L. Stevenson Lloyd and Osbourne.

No. 1,106.—DOUBLE ACROSTIC.

FOUNDATION WORDS.

[illegible] passion ruled the [illegible] of mine [illegible] reform, the narrow way to [illegible] My merry follower [illegible] me to his fun, try The better plan to [illegible] be done by [illegible]

CROSS WORDS.

1.—A mate, a friend you're anxious to retain.
2.—A monst[illegible] slain.
3.—In [illegible] was Nelson's degree.
4.—A line [illegible]
5.—A [illegible] you called quill.
6.—The lady women [illegible] so well.
7.—To fold and cover with becoming care.
8.—How brand [illegible] whatever they may wear.
9.—A happy [illegible] infants snore.
10.—The faithful [illegible] two faithful [illegible] Noble example [illegible] others.

No. 1,107.—WORD SQUARE.

1.—A [illegible]
2.—A [illegible]
3.—A loud shout.
4.—A sea bird.

DIAGONALS.

1.—A [illegible]
2.—The sound of a horn.

—GORIL, Exeter.

No. 1,108.—DIAMOND.

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            41  2  9
         49 42  3 10 17
      57 50 43  4 11 18 25
   64 58 51 44   12 19 26 32
67 66 59 52         20 27 33 37
72 70 66 60            23 34 38 40
 71 67 61 53        21 29 35 39
   63 62 54 45   13 22 30 36
      65 55 46  5 14 23 31
         56 47  6 15 24
            48  7 16
                8
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1—4.—A child [illegible] contempt.
5—8.—A [illegible]
9—12.—Wickedness.
13—16.—Recreation.
17—20.—Turkish title of dignity.
21—24.—A scheme.
25—31.—To inflame with love.
32—36.—Home of bird.
37—39.—A tree.
41—44.—Otherwise.
45—48.—Participle passive of smite.
49—52.—A seasoning.
53—56.—Settled.
57—63.—Cow [illegible]
64—68.—Rest.
69—71.—Celestial.
41—9.—Before.
49—17.—A drudge.
57—25.—Diversion.
64—44.—Act of selling.
12—32.—Soft linen.
20—37.—Scarce.
28—40.—To soften.
21—39.—A metrical composition.
13—36.—Sign in figures.
69—52.—A long cue.
72—60.—A wild plum.
71—53.—To bark as a [illegible]
68—45.—A vegetable.
65—31.—Resembling.
56—24.—The Ottoman Grand Council.
48—16.—A river in Scotland.

—THEMIS, City.

ANSWERS.

No. 1,102:—

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       L I P
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     P I C K L E S
    R A N K  T E A L
   B O R T    M I E N
  C A V E      L A I D
   T E N D    F O R T
    S T I R  B A R N
     S M I T E R S
      S T O N E
       E A T
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No. 1,103:—Arabella.

No. 1,104:—

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B U R I N
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No. 1,105:—

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Names and addresses of prizewinners, together with a complete list of solvers, perfect and otherwise, will appear next week.

Solutions to the 1098-1101 Series were received from:—Amicus, Attal, Aysee, Altchi, Admirer, Acalia, Apex, Brevis, Blossom, Bush, Cawmle, Clifton, Dagmar, Dromeo, Ebor, Euraw, Ellsel, Edel, Frank, Flacke, Fife, Fitz, Geron, Giele, Gyp, Gnol, Hammer, Hanne, Harp, Jux, Jake, Jonben, Lion, Medoc, Mel, Maylen, Meck, Mosey, Neo, Norl, Nemo, Nemi, Ogee, Ormonde, P. C. E., Pie, Pearce, Rats, Recar, Syntax, Spes, Sum, Tad, Tinga, Tomwin, Talbot, The Bird, Trams, Tip, Toroe, Tommy, Wages, Wack, Web, Wolf, Xmo, Yam, Zephyr, Zaraka.

WEEK'S ANECDOTES.

WISE MAN.

[illegible]

A BEDROOM DIALOGUE.

[illegible]

THE MAN FOR THE JOB.

[illegible]

SHEER GOOD LUCK.

[illegible]

all these years, was it that you have never found [illegible] Francis (confidentially) "It's luck, mum—just sheer good luck."

GIVING NOTHING AWAY.

Mrs. Brown: "Josiah, I am afraid Johnny has caught the measles. He's been playing with those Ikestein children." Mr. Brown: "If the children are anything like old Ikestein, Maria, they won't give Johnny the measles or anything else without a mortgage and 8 per cent."

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THE LIGHT AHEAD.

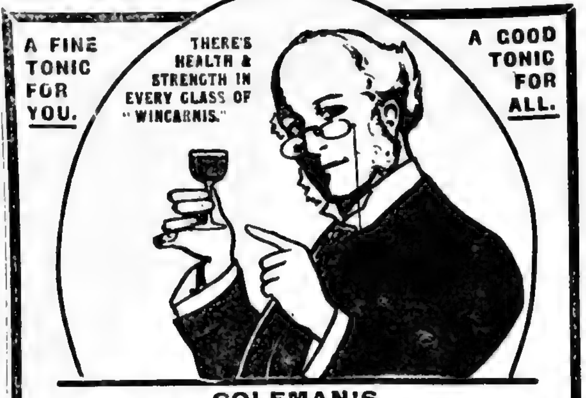
A sailor the other day, in describing the first efforts of a youth to become nautical, said that just at the close of a dark night the lad was sent aloft to try if he could see a light. As he was no great favourite with the lieutenant, he was not hailed for some time; in fact, dawn was beginning to break when "Aloft there!" at length was heard from the lieutenant. "Aye, aye, sir." "Do you see a light?" "Yes, sir." "What light?" "The daylight, sir."

ANGELS ON THE BUZZ.

A little girl was being put to bed one summer night, and after she had said her prayers her mother kissed her good night, and said, "Now go to sleep, dear. Don't be afraid, for angels are watching over you." In a short time, while the mother and father were at supper, a small voice from upstairs was heard: "Mamma!" "Yes, little one, what is it?" "The angels are buzzing around, and one's bitten me."

SAVING HIS WIND.

A Highland athletic gathering was in full swing, and considerable interest centred in the chances of a local competitor, who had entered for several events, and confidently expected to win at least one of them. His first attempt was in that hardest of races, the quarter-mile, and he lost very easily. "Donal', Donal'," exclaimed a supporter reprovingly, "whit way did ye no rin faster?" "Rin faster!" echoed Donald contemptuously. "An' me reservin' masel' for the bagpipe competition!"



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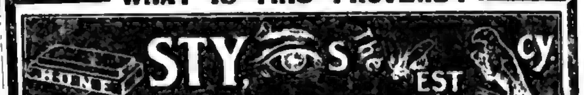

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THE EARLY WEEK.

Bo m gets 26 days a year—just half for the Bird-revels in its Monday, fulfils its purpose, and contentedly pays its 5 per cent dividend. The southern stables this week played winning cards, but there was nothing of any consequence. Three miles and three furlongs is a VERY long way for horses to gallop for 80 quid, so Father Ignatius only had to beat two very moderate animals. Jen... took the Hurdle Handicap, and ... evidently as a surprise—the selling Steeplechase, whilst with Tabasco ...ling, Bloodstone remained unapproached throughout in the Handicap Steeplechase. At Kempton Tabasco jumped big and slow, so it was expected he would now win over these stiffer obstacles. The running on the second day is not in the least likely to have the same astounding bearing, as last year, upon the National. Then in the Great Warwickshire Handicap of three miles Centre Board won easily, while Eremon—who had always been "commanded" by the winner, fell heavily at the last fence, well beaten, and as the result of the most execrable display of jumping imaginable. The horse was ill fancied, in fact, drove Centre Board out in the market from evens to 3 to 1, but was practically down at every fence prior to falling. Such an exhibition was simply unaccountable, and upon it one thing seemed positive—that Eremon had no more chance of successfully getting the fences at Liverpool than an ordinary hack would have. Yet five weeks later Mr Stanley Howard's mean looking horse had improved so extraordinarily that he won the big Aintree Steeplechase in a canter. Quite third rate performers now contested the stake, Miss Milford winning from the selling plater Huntsman, whose jockey, Ben Ellis, obtaining very few chances just now, gained consolation shortly afterwards when Bective won the Selling Steeplechase. After his Hurst Park defeat, Genuine was on offer to Goby, the trainer, but apparently no "deal" took place, as the horse still carried Hartigan's colours and was sold afterwards for 60. The stable won with Veglo, not even favourite, and yet scored as easily as did Bloodstone the preceding day. Twelve month back as one of his series of successes at the meeting, Butchers, the jockey, had won the three mile handicap now gained by Clinker, starting at an outrageous price with a field of 14, due to what was obvious at Sandown, that the then owner-ridden five-year old would have won the race which fell to Atrato but for a fall just as he was joining the leaders. W. Taylor scored his first success under his new trainer for Maher upon Port Ellen in the Selling Handicap, and in a scrambling finish Royal Birthday won the Maiden Plate.

WINDSOR.

The last of this season's many jumping fixtures was very pleasant, although it had been raining in torrents locally until just before racing, when the sun came out brilliantly and a beautiful light let us see everything. The racing was entertaining and remarkable; both handicaps fell to horses carrying a 9lb penalty, which accentuates the oft-proved fact that when any horse is really fit and well a few pounds does not stop him, and further that 5lb. penalties (which are so general) are utterly insufficient. One never knows how races cut up, only three now contesting the Maiden Plate, although at Windsor troops of runners are usual. Venetian, who absented, must, on Master of Arms's form later on, have won it. And hadn't D'Orsay beaten Printonan 100 yards at Hurst last Saturday? But even in his absence Mr. Jeff Cohn only had 20 to 10 Printonan (invariably termed Printonian by the Ring), although at Hurst the stable confidence had been supreme. The win would be aggravating to many not present, but who had followed the "good money" in backing him last Saturday. His owner's jocular expression before the race was "That if his horse could win after Hurst Park he ought to be warned off." The trio simply crawled, causing derision and comments among the invariable "wags" that we "Could keep with them at that pace." In consequence Printonan jumped well, but he is a good looking 'dog,' sweating as much before the race as after. Li Hung led until close home when The Drudge seemed a certain winner, but due solely to Hare's masterly jockeyship Printonan gradually collared him, and in the last two strides won for Mr. Cohn the first race since the same horse had dead-heated on the flat here nearly a year ago. And yet the popular "Jeff" owns 30 horses and runs them repeatedly. Does ownership pay? Hare's complaint was that Printonan takes so much riding that he "Ought to have two men on him." After last Saturday's "form," it was my great worry to get back from Hurst in time to knock Printonan out of my tips, in which he was already in type, for what sort of a mug should I have looked for picking a 'tailed-off' animal to beat those that had lost him? Mr Claude Kirkwood has been out of luck for weeks, as although winning a small race at Birmingham with Rectitude he cannot ride her. Therefore Violetta's success now was appreciated—as he was on the old mare and for the last half mile only had to fear the loose horse Firmament, who kept with the leaders—making a race of it—and invariably just beating whatever went in front, and passing the post first, to great amusement. An unusually open betting event was the Steeplechase, in which the diminutive Geoff (who will, as usual, win a race at the Military Meeting) attempted to score for the third year in succession. He was placed (although not third best), but his trainer, Fred Withington, interrupted his honeymoon to come to see him run, while the owner, Mr Marteine Lloyd, was also present. Many confused Valencian with Venetian. Martin's charge always just held the powerful Brigand, who dwelt badly. Zapeeng well ridden by Clancy—Cowley's very capable understudy—beat several decadents in the Selling. Merry Andrew, once second in a Cesarewitch, was now rumoured to be "s.p. business." This was ill rot, for the horse is no good whatever and his appearance at the meeting at all was quite a feather to trainer Cort for keeping him on his legs. Mr Godfrey Miller usually trains his own horses, but Merry Andrew had "fairly beaten him," and thus Cort got him with the character of never being able to give him a good gallop or get him on to a course. Cort got home late from Brum on Tuesday night, just in time to learn that he had another daughter—the fourth. So that although at the moment his horses are quite "out of form" and not overlooked by handicappers—everything being given 12st. to carry—it can't be said that Cort himself is not "going strong." Little Tom "ran on" to finish second—his trainer going out into the open so as to inquire from his brother Joe en route whether his mount was running kindly. Again the horses at post had to wait for "time," prior to the slight odds on Gabriel II (whose name led to much blowing the trumpet), successfully having a practical "school" for the approaching Grand Military. He won easy after a pretty race, the fluctuations leading to "roars" from the Ring. If the leader jumped badly they took—or shouted they would take—lesser odds, only to increase them at the first obstacle he gained ground. Previously they had jocularly offered to wager "win and place on this race," or 6 to 4 the field.

A SENSATION.

Objections are unfortunately numerous at Windsor, and after the top weight had gained the Hurdle Handicap in a canter it would have been cruel ill fate to have been disqualified. They were a good-looking troop, although only totalling seven, thereby nullifying the "place" commissions of at least two owners, who both contrived to lose their money nevertheless by laying odds-on at special cramped prices for a place. The grief was general, the good-looking Mark Wood, emphasising J. O'Brien's ill fortune by falling and afterwards causing The Alant to run out and Mount Prospect to jump the extreme corner of the third hurdle from the start—which is at right angles to the stand and therefore not very observable. Immediately a protest caused sensational wagering, the usual varying rumours being current. All the jockeys riding in the race (excepting Mr. Whitaker) were positive that Mount Prospect had jumped the wing, so the odds veered round from 2's on to 2's against. It was not decided until two races later, thus keeping the horses concerned "hanging" about. Lord Decies was the only Steward present, but joined by the popular Berks vet—R. C. Tennant—went down to the hurdle in question. This was the ONLY possible means of deciding fairly, to the marks of the three horses involved were clearly perceptible. Moreover the stewards took the evidence of the two men stationed at the hurdle, who upheld Mr. Whitaker's contention that while the loose horse and The Alant had jumped the wing, his mount took the obstacle in the extreme corner. There were no flags, and therefore it was of no concern, especially bearing in mind a similar case 10 years ago at Hurst Park when it was decided that if there were no flags as long as a horse jumps the obstacle, which part of it did not matter. Another reason flags will be placed on the Windsor hurdles. It must be said that those associated with the second were perfectly candid, his jockey saying that he did not see Mount Prospect actually jump the wing, but that he imagined he must HAVE done, judging from his position on the inside of the horses that ran out. Mr. Whitaker was very stiff from his Birmingham fall on Tabasco, and could hardly get out of the saddle.

It is usual when a meeting claims two very similar programmes to find the first afternoon's running has a big influence on the other, so that the second day pans out poorly. Just now Valencian is quite at the top of his form. With the ground heavy and his imposts now increased little Let Go the Painter was unable to do himself justice. The fact that Pop Gun gained his maiden victory in a paltry selling as bottom weight recalls the fact that this good-looking well-bred horse was fancied for the Derby, and further heavily backed for two or three of last season's rich weight-for-age stakes. Snuff gained the Steeplechase, although apparently "held" on Newbury form by Carsey—poorly deputised by Mitchelstown.

LINGFIELD.

Inverting this procedure Lingfield's first day was the quietest, and most events were run away with. It has not been Tommy Dunn's luck of late to win twice as now on Denmark and Crescent. Seventy sovs. is a very paltry sum for the last-named nice little sprinter to gain as his—and Robson's—maiden jumping success, assured to him on his previous performances here and at Newbury. Gruinard gave young East his first N.H. victory; there could hardly be a greater contrast between his style as a flat race jockey and that of Kenny—a typical steeplechase horseman, who won on Malcolm Orme, who despite belonging to Mr. Kite is no "flier"! Jerry Downes has had a long spell of "trouble" with the veteran plater's legs. It is to young owners like Messrs. Gaskell and Brown that we must look for successors to the famous amateur jockeys of recent years; their successes, however small, are to be applauded.

LATEST.

The signs of early spring were rudely dispelled for Lingfield's finish, a high wind only increasing the discomforts of a heavy rain. Yet it wasn't a bad crowd—the members' room had done quite a "big" luncheon, so Mr. Christopher assured me. And, even on such a day I noticed the veteran, Sam Newman, among those looking on. The "youngster," Mr. Schomberg — amid cheers, for he was favourite—won the selling chase from two or three other juveniles such as Pat McCann, who has turned 20, whilst the combined ages of the other seven would total getting on to a hundred. After this Dollery will be sure of a new suit; don't make it an Eton jacket. "Follow the man from Cook's" is the song (N.B. This is not an "ad.") and "follow the man in form" is the racecourse saying, to cap his Waterloo Cup victory, of course Mr "Lytham's" luck prevailed for Reality to win the Cobham Plate. Mr. E. Hulton's nom-de-course (surely unlikely to be continued another year) was suggested by the name and venue of his kennels which shelter Hallow Eve. Reality ran in wrong—his trainer, Wootton's—colours, so many didn't recognise him, for WHO troubles to read the notice boards, especially on a day like this, when the chalk gets half washed off. Easily though the winner scored, Kiljoy was also full of running, and some wondered why Mr. Fergusson rode so tame a finish. But the plucky chap had put his arm out, so was helpless, and had to be lifted out of the saddle. He insisted upon going to scale, sitting in which a doctor took charge of the popular amateur, whose limb has "gone" similarly two or three times. This was the only break in the luck of the North, for directly afterwards Black Ivory sailed along in front throughout in the Selling Handicap, the big and rich event of the card—recalling how he "used to do it on 'em" regularly two days running in the three mile handicap steeplechases here seemingly years ago. It is truly marvellous what a different animal Black Ivory is on this course only, and upon one condition solely—that he is ridden by his erstwhile, and yet again present owner, Adam Scott. No one else can win on the old horse like the Northumberland sportsman, who even before the race threatened that his old "boiler" would go close, although it was not the day for a tubed animal. He had—as ever—slipped him a long way in front up the hill, so that "he'll never be caught" became the cry. "They" were getting near him in the straight, but just as it was expected that Lesseps—an even money chance at one moment—would beat him for speed on the flat, the old devil slipped away again. The real danger, Shiplake, a bad jumper, but who has a bit of pace—had hit the last fence, knuckled over and could not recover himself, standing on Dunn "for five minutes," as the jockeys said, sore physically, but much more so mentally, at not being able to win a race "for the guvnor"—Hallick himself. Royal Rouge, too, stood out, so our "good thing" stands over, and there was nothing else worth advising to bet on. So why try to "make" opportunities! I have no time to answer many correspondents on this score; their communications have been received even if unanswered, and if we are not having many—or any—"special" gambles at jumping they can carry forward to the flat—"only four weeks to-morrow," as many were recalling.

The executive were naturally "praying" that Black Ivory would not win, for what price could he make? One of the MANY old owners of the horse—who caused poor Birch's injury—took 100 to 10 about him. The credit of his win belongs partly to Victor Tabor, who has not had him long; the horse's training chiefly consisted of being led about by a boy riding Tabor's harness pony—so the pace wasn't too fast. But the Black Ivory and the White Scott are truly a wondrous combination. I immediately secured their photograph for my page in "The Throne," readers of which can't now complain that they're not getting enough sport and more especially sporting pictures, what with racing, hunting, rowing, football, cross-country. Verily hockey, coursing, and general sport pages. What May Hezlet and Sidney Fry don't know about "goff"; A. R. Churchill about long-distance running, Hon. C. S. Rolls about motoring, C. J. B. Marriott about "Rugger," and so on and so on, isn't worth knowing.

A "TRIAL" GALLOP.

Yet another handicap this week has fallen to a "penalty" horse, Gruinard, a lucky over-night pick-up of Robert Tyler's, lobbed home. This was "quick returns" assuredly, and although Duller—who now trains all Tyler's horses, vice Kiste—advised the purchase, he can hardly be said to have trained the horse as yet. His turn is now to come, as, being no boy's horse, he was taken home to Epsom to "do it again." Mayhap being by Mackintosh had something to do with his being proof against the weather! The early tip for the Handicap was Turbulent, who went out from 7 to 4 to 4's, the "biz" being Elston, who was pulled clean up to be out of a bad third berth—"nice" for his each way backers. But Fitton usually does it, and nearly saved Aguador similarly from being placed. Turbulent emulated most of the winner's feats—led all the way, as had Bornalira in the Amateur Steeplechase—which was quite a success—mostly "owner up" business, which is the raison d'etre of its promotion. Carsey, the conqueror of Snuff at Newbury, had missed Windsor for this. He is a nice little horse of the powerful hunter type, but was so anxious to win his race that he popped off before the flag went up, much less down. He caught hold and got fairly going, Mr. Kerne being utterly unable to stop him owing to the reins being wet and slippery. Practical horsemen know what this means. I wonder how those who had taken 2's Carsey, and were abusing Kerne horribly, would have fared if "on top." On went Carsey the full circuit, at times jumping the hurdles, sometimes a fence, at others making it all on the flat. He went past the troop still waiting for him at post (in the drenching rain), and on for another half mile. Then turned round, he bolted the hurdle course, jumping the flights the wrong way. A pretty amateur's mount he must be—or was this revenge for Kerne's severe finish upon him when driven home a short head at Newbury. The ring shouted all prices up to 100 to 3 Carsey "al in," for he had never been under the starter's orders. "Some horses like it run in heats," or "he's won his trial," suggested the cynical—who had, of course, backed Bornalira. The ring were in a funk, few daring to bet; if you asked what price the favourite, they said evens—or offered two's Rozarbill and Warner. Liberal! Their fear was that Carsey wouldn't run, but Mr. Kerne had no sordid thoughts, but meant having his "ride" as a sportsman, cheers greeting his joining the field again. "Don't do that; you'll frighten the horse off again," cried the witty. Naturally the horse finished well baked a long way back, his popular young owner receiving an ovation. He used to own Bornalira, so Fate was truly cruel. His going to live at Lambourn—where Persse will have a few of his horses—has led to the rumour that Kerne was going to train there. That may come later on.

I am glad to say that George Clancy, still in the Lingfield Hospital room, is going on famously; he is in some pain, but is only bruised, having no bones broken, and goes home to-morrow. He considers his downer the "bonus" of over riding Brigand, who did not, as reported, fall over Amethyst. Both animals fell simultaneously, but quite independently of each other, at separate ends of the same fence. Hearty and THOROUGHLY deserved congratulations—firstly to the Highgate Harriers on yet another "Southern" win, but more especially to that splendid plucky athlete Deakin, of the Herne Hill Harriers, on becoming top dog at LAST! He has "timed" it for fellow-clubman Garnham's hon. secretaryship of the Association, but how many would have been sickened ere now with endless hard fights, only to be second. I hope Champion J. E. Deakin will join us to beat the Jockeys at the Oval on July 13. If I lost my money (as usual) at Lingfield, I found one good winner, anyhow, in the aptly-named Oquit. Racing often gives one a headache, and the high wind now accentuated it, but two miniature tablets made me a freeand a happier man. It's a literal godsend to hard-worked, much-abused scribes!

I cannot deal with Southwell Hunt to-morrow but will want to go to Kempton the next day when SAVERNAKE may take the Littleton Handicap. So, too, should TABASCO win the Steeplechase Handicap if running up to anything like what he was tried to be prior to the last meeting here. Warwick, on Wednesday, only suggests MASTER-AT-ARMS winning the County Handicap, and that HONESTY is the best policy in the Watergall Handicap the last day.

Newbury gives us the sport of the week, and here we shall have, I hope, a winner or two and something to gamble on. It will be some satisfaction to those who are railing at my not giving many tips, especially "specials," of late.

SPORT JOTTINGS.

I hear that Jack Palmer's tip for the Lincoln is Sham Fight.

The next time Sandboy runs a new jockey, Walter Bulteel, is to ride him.

Proud Lady is a half sister to Noblesse but never ran until this jumping season.

The advertisements of the Continental bookmakers are now longer than the prices they lay.

I hear there has been a good deal of foul riding lately on Australian racecourses.

Fancy a meeting beginning in August and extending into December, as is the case with racing at San Diego in South America!

If Mount Prospect's Fortune is given a rest and weighted on his recent form in the handicaps at the Grand Military meeting what a walk over it might be!

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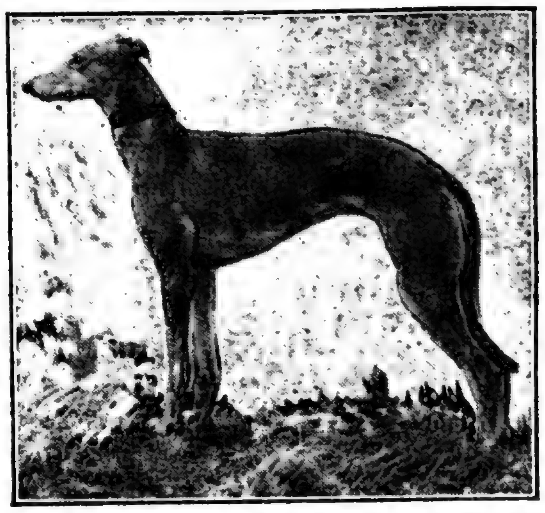

"HALLOW EVE," THE PROPERTY OF MR. E. HULTON, OF MANCHESTER, WHICH WON THE WATERLOO CUP THIS WEEK. IN THE FINAL IT BEAT SILHOUETTE, ON WHICH THE BETTING WAS 11 TO 4.

[Photo, Topical.

It seems hardly credible now that only a month ago I plumped for Venetian as the week's "good thing," and that he was beaten in a race in which he was actually handicapped on the same terms as a selling plater like Specifical.

If a bookmaker can pay a lady acquaintance 3d. in every £1 he won, and debit her similarly for every sovereign lost, and the lady WINS £70 in a few months, what chance have backers? There is no prize for buying and selling this conundrum!

The Longmynd cost £220, Mount Prospect's Fortune £3,000, so that as the one beat the other, sensible Robert Tyler is open to sell just when the little chestnut has the full glamour of his victory upon him.

Mr C. S. Newton, the owner of Lesseps, was a fine amateur steeplechase jockey in his day, and once at Aylesbury won four races out of five, and was fifth in the other—most of them being three or four miles over a country.

I am pleased to be able to say that Arthur Birch, who was in rather a bad plight for a time, is now very much improved in spirits and able to write his own letters. Those who still owe me subscriptions to the fund ought to realise it, and not need applying to AGAIN.

Congratulations to Mr. H. I. Cove, the popular amateur jockey, upon his engagement to Miss Buxton, who is a fine horsewoman and well known with the famous Midland packs.

Govan has its "King's" racecourse used for dog and trotting handicaps, but of which, I fear, despite its high sounding title, very few outside the locality have heard.

We now only know Moreton in the Marsh as an unimportant training centre. Years ago at its race meetings there was always a steeplechase confined to Oxford undergraduates.

There are some horses whom it is always policy to bet upon in running, for being invariably tailed off in the early stages three times the original price is offered.

Birmingham has never been a lucky meeting as regards its share surpluses, for 430 guineas is the highest price ever realised by a selling plate winner there. And until last season about one half that had been their "top" figure.

The death has occurred of Persimmon, who fractured his pelvis in December. His Majesty has sustained thereby a great financial loss, the fees earned by the horse going a long way to balance losses on the moderate horses that have come from the royal stud of recent years. Persimmon, who was by St. Simon—Perdita II., was the King's first Derby winner, the victory being achieved in 1896.

THE KING'S DERBY WINNER, PERSIMMON, WHICH DIED THIS WEEK.

[Photo, Russell and Sons.

Persimmon also won the St. Leger, Jockey Club Stakes, Eclipse Stakes, and Ascot Gold Cup.

It is jocularly said that there ought to be a double handicap made for our steeplechasers during the next two weeks, the ordinary one if the competitors are ridden by jockeys, and an entirely different one should their owners be "practising" for the pending Grand Military meeting.

His Majesty's abnormal ill-luck with his racehorses for some years now will, it is universally hoped, have reached the climax in the death of Persimmon, who will ever be memorable as the horse who gained the royal colours their first Derby victory and created a scene at Epsom which will never be paralleled. The glamour of the occasion was gone from it when Diamond Jubilee subsequently emulated the success. A pretty good and undoubtedly lucky racehorse, Persimmon was doing even better at the stud, and has twice headed the list of winning sires. Any horse's stud life can be four times the length of his actual racing career, and, therefore, in total much more remunerative. But it was his fondness for Persimmon and his stock that His Majesty so very pronouncedly and naturally gave evidence of.

All over the country M.F.H.'s are wanted badly.

They call it "Wonderland" more than ever now, after the Burns-Palmer fiasco.

W. Watts, who for generations has been in charge of Fenner's, Cambridge, is at last retiring.

The Belsize Boxing Club annual novices' competition will be decided at headquarters next Thursday.

All Varsity athletic contests have a unique social side and a similarly indescribable sporting one.

More "Daylight," in the Canonbury Ward, the irrepressible Thomas Henry being head of the list in the Islington Guardians' by-election.

The smallest and lightest greyhound that ever won a Waterloo Cup was the victress of 1877, 1878, Coomassie, who weighed 42lb.

Cambridge now get a full Blue for hockey, and the adoption of such has at once brought the team luck, for they were "streets" in front of Oxford.

Just a reminder that the 28th annual North London Masonic Benevolent Ball will be held in the King's Hall, Holborn, next Tuesday. Be there—if you can—a good dance, supper, company and object—charity.

The St. Martin's Harriers (G.P.O.) are holding a Cinderella Dance (the first they have ever ventured upon) in conjunction with the Excelsior Alliance C.C. at Finsbury Town Hall next Wednesday evening, for which the committee have already gained, and earned, an assured big success. Any member of either club must "turn up"—with his best girl.

To-morrow on their club ground at Wormholt Farm, Shepherd's Bush, the famous "People" "Soccer" team play the much more famous Karno's XI., which, captained by Harry Weldon, includes some of the stars of the variety stage. Kick off 2.30—no charge for admission (and, I almost added, for drinks); but no fear that the record attendance for Stamford Bridge will be beaten. Anyhow, it will be a match!

Walton-on-Thames Campers, who include such stage notabilities as George Graves, Jimmy Blakeley, and Harry Pringle, were ever good sportsmen, and one of the oldest and most popular members on the Tumbling Bay is Bertrand Davis, who was responsible for scenes and lyrics in the Drury Lane panto. Most sportsmen have not the gift of commercialism, but I hope Davis will get as much kudos and more profit with his latest, "The Colonel's Old 'Bus Horse," than his famous recitation, "The Battle of Bingley Hill," which he disposed of for a mere "song." "Chris" is the only man I know to equal Davis in composing a sketch or a "skit."

The London Athletic Club's annual general meeting will be held to-morrow evening at Anderton's, and I would remind those attending that among the nominations for the committee this year is that of Mr Fred Baker, a splendid sportsman and a staunch Ranelagh Harrier for 25 years. He is one of their vice-presidents (for the last 10 years), and also represents them on the A.A.A., etc. Freddie's addition to the governing body of the premier athletic club will be a BIG advantage, for no one could be a keener enthusiast or do better work. So don't mistake him this time for any other Baker, but take my tip and tout him quite at the head of the poll, even if I am ousted.

It is years—not months—since I could find time to go to a theatre, but having missed the four years' run of the "Scarlet Pimpernel" I simply had to go and witness Fred Terry's latest success, "Matt of Merrymount." I have certainly never seen anyone given such an ovation as was received at the finish by the inimitable "Fred," the curtain going up and down for 10 minutes, while a crowded house—all standing—simply would NOT be satisfied. Splendid as Terry is as an actor (and this is a one man piece) what one likes about him even more is that he is such a splendid fellow and a sportsman, who revels in being a member of metropolitan racing clubs and to put in an appearance whenever he can snatch an afternoon for the necessary "blow." And he is further not ashamed to lose his fiver on something—even one of my tips! Go and see "Matt" post haste, although I can picture the "great" Garrett still with his hands full two years hence.

A grand complimentary concert at the Irish Club, 28, Charing Cross-rd., to-night is of particular interest. It is given to the well-known Irish baritone Mr. Jerome Murphy, who for many years has been to the front in everything connected with Irish charitable or social events. Mr. John McCormack, under whose direction the concert is, with characteristic kindness has gathered an array of vocal and instrumental talent which places the programme on an exceptionally high level, so that a particularly pleasant evening may be anticipated. The directors of the club have given the grand Concert Hall for the occasion. Mr. Jerome Murphy recently made a high hit as the Marquis de Cascada—Mr Lennox Pawle's part—in "The Merry Widow." When I mention that amongst those booked to appear to-night are Miss Violet Elliott, Madame Esta D'Argo, Miss Carmen Sylva, Messrs. John McCormack (of the Royal Italian Opera, Covent Garden), Maurice Farkoa, and the inimitable Alf Hurley it will be seen that a rare musical treat is in store.

Like racing and cricket, the sport of the leash is uncertain. Hallow Eve (sister to Long Span) was originally "unquoted" and at 33-1 when in the last four. A practical newcomer, Mr. E. Hulton is a North countryman and a sportsman; the victory would be dearly appreciated, for like the Derby it is given to few men—even in a lifetime—to win the Waterloo Cup. Hallow Eve, but for sickness in the kennels, would not have even represented Mr. Hulton, being inferior to dogs who were badly beaten by Long Span last year. Had Silhouette gained the deciding course the enthusiasm would have been extraordinary, for she is the first greyhound to fill a nomination claimed by a lady, and that lady the Countess of Sefton, over whose husband's land the coursing takes place, and who actually presents the Waterloo Cup itself. The fact that the verdict was given against Silhouette, just as much as the fact that the King's horses are frequently narrowly beaten, shows how pure all matters are in sport, although the bigots would pretend that everything is "cut and dried."

Those who witnessed the play of the present New Zealand team adapting themselves to the Northern Union rules were to more than [illegible]. And after their display at Chelsea they are convinced that before long that interpretation of the Rugby game will assuredly come into force in the south. It is a much more open game, creative of better individual opportunities for players, while incomparably an advantage in being brisk and exciting for the onlookers. Even old Rugby internationals, who had not previous to this visit to the South seen play under the professional rules, were struck with its advantages. The present N. Z. team are, in their own opinion and that of their captain, not quite as strong as their combination of two years back, but there is no doubt that they are on the average meeting vastly better opponents.

YESTERDAY'S RACING.

LINGFIELD MEETING.

OAKLANDS SELLING HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE.

Mr. Thomas's Mr. Schomberg, a-10 13 J. Donnelly 1
Capt. Denny's Suspension, a-10 13 Burrell 2
Capt. Watson's Ray, a-11 12 A. Kenny 3

Winner trained by Dollery.

Also ran: Pat McCann (Capt. Denny), Tollsworth (W. Morgan), The Settler II. (O'Connor). Betting: 5 to 4 agst Mr. Schomberg, 4 to 1 agst Suspension, 5 to 1 agst The Settler II., 6 to 1 agst Ray, 7 to 1 agst Pat McCann, and 10 to 1 agst Tollsworth. Won by 4 lengths, a bad third.

COBHAM HURDLE PLATE.

Mr Lytham's Reality, 5 11 7 Trathen 1
Mr Burnside's Kiljoy, 5 11 7 Mr Ferguson 2
Mr Heasman's Aguador, 4 10 11 F. Fitton 3

Winner trained by Wootton.

Also ran: All Going Out (Walkington), Great Hopes (Harrell), The Hunter (Dilloway), Foam (F. Morgan), Miss Manifold (P. Cowley), Campfire (Pinyoun), The Whelp (W. Walsh). Betting: 11 to 8 agst Reality, 5 to 2 agst Aguador, 100 to 12 agst Kiljoy, and 10 to 1 agst any other. Won easily by 2 lengths, 6 2nd and 3rd.

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Also ran: Lord of the Level (F. Morgan), Zampieri (M. Walsh), Clowntown's Pride (Mr. Bulteel), Amendment (Ireson), Perdicus (Harland), Zilpah (Butchers), Shiplake (Dunn). Betting: 5 to 4 agst Lesseps, 6 to 1 agst Clowntown's Pride, 8 to 1 each agst Amendment, Zilpah, and Zampieri, and 10 to 1 agst any other. Won by 2 lengths, 4 2nd and 3rd.

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Mr. Tyler's Gruinard, [illegible] M. Walsh 1
Mr. Leach's Ravine, 4 10 11 E. Hopkins 2
Mr. Downe's Flore, a 11 6 A. Kenny 3

Winner trained by Duller.

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AMATEURS STEEPLECHASE.

Mr Robinson's Bornalira, 6 12 2 Mr W. Ball 1
Capt. Fowler's Razorbill, 5 12 0 Mr Brien 2
Mr De Crespigny's Warner, 6 12 9 Owner 3

Winner trained by Gore.

Also ran: Thanet (Mr. Crickett), Stolen Bride (Mr. Gilligan), Carsey (Mr. Kerne), Rampert (Mr. Pawson), Rather Not (Mr. Pooler). Betting: 6 to 4 agst Bornalira, 3 to 1 agst Razorbill, 9 to 2 agst Warner, 5 to 1 agst Carsey, and 100 to 8 agst any other. Won by 5 lengths, a bad third.

HEVER HURDLE HANDICAP.

Capt. Denny's Turbulent, a 12 0 Burrell 1
Mr. R. Wootton's El Oro, 4 10 12 Trathen 2
Mr. L. Winans's Cassia Bark W. Rollason 3

Winner trained by Gully.

Also ran: Period (G. Naish), Elston (T. Fitton), Solano (M. Walsh), Cairn Reigh (G. F. Butchers), and Wild Damson (F. Parvin). Betting: 7 to 4 agst El Oro, 5 to 2 agst Elston, 5 to 1 agst Turbulent, 7 to 1 agst Cairn Reigh, and 10 to 1 agst any other. Won easily by 6 lengths, a bad 3rd.

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THE GARDEN. By ADAM.

Pinks and Carnations from Seeds.

[illegible] and [illegible] get [illegible] If [illegible] prepare [illegible] and Pink [illegible] for Carnations [illegible] Carnations in [illegible] well and [illegible] in pots, pans, or boxes, and [illegible] in the greenhouse [illegible] the pots with glass and the [illegible]

If [illegible] and kept in the greenhouse or frame all the winter [illegible] plant out. A bed should then be got ready for them, and the plant set out [illegible]. If they are tree Carnations [illegible] If they are potted up in September will produce many beautiful flowers during the winter and [illegible] always flower more freely than plants raised from layers or cuttings. Carnations will be good from pots.

Carnations in Pots or Tubs.

This is an excellent way for the town garden. I have seen them well grown in butter or lard pails, which can be purchased from the grocer for twopence each, and if a few holes are bored in the bottom, and a coat of green paint given, they will last some time. If two or three strong plants are planted in each pail they will produce many blooms, and the young shoots may be layered in July or cuttings rooted.

Arranging the Herbaceous Border.

To a certain extent this becomes a matter of taste, and there is room for variety of treatment. If more effect is wanted plant in groups, varying in size according to the materials used (Lupins, Ox-Eye Daisies, Campanulas, Delphiniums, White Fox Gloves in the background), Helenium Pumilia, Japanese Anemones, Carnations, Pinks, and German Iris of the best kinds may spread out to a considerable size if the border is wide, but Phloxes and Delphiniums are more effective when planted singly as dot plants. I have always advocated that readers who have studied the subject should carry out their own ideas. If they make mistakes they will know it without any telling, and will learn more from mistakes of their own than other people's. But though I believe more effect may be ob[illegible] arrangement [illegible] of colour [illegible] A [illegible]

Garden Rubbish.

[illegible] It is a good plan [illegible] garden rubbish [illegible] wasteful method but [illegible] The result will be a heap of valuable compost, which may be used in various ways. Another way of getting rid of rubbish when dry [illegible] quickly is to dig a deep hole in a corner of the garden and [illegible] with [illegible] and into this [illegible] all rubbish, and [illegible] a little lime and salt with it from time to time [illegible] when it is full cover and take back to the soil and trench it in.

A Fruit Tree Covered Walk.

Those who have small gardens may add something to both its profit and pleasure by [illegible] wall [illegible] If bamboo canes are used [illegible] and if placed on each side of a centre path forming [illegible] garden and [illegible] trees planted 2ft or 3ft apart and trained as cordons, a good deal of fruit may be grown and a shady promenade secured at the same time. I have seen this carried out in the shape of a wire trellis, but all kind of mechanical work is much dearer than it was, and bamboo answers every purpose, and we can fix these things ourselves.

Transplanting Lily of the Valley.

When beds of these beautiful Lilies become much crowded the flowers get smaller and ultimately the plants cease to flower. Before this stage is reached the roots should be transplanted to fresh ground. One way of doing this is to cut strips out of the old bed and plant a new bed elsewhere, filling up the space from where the roots were taken with rich compost. Lilies of the Valley love shade, and the ground should be heavily dressed with old leaf mould or very old manure. Plant the crowns in rows 3in or 4in apart, and mulch with old leafmould [illegible] water if the spring is dry.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

W. H. G. and BILTON.—See Garden column next week.

ROSERY.—We cannot find the name "Cathbert" in any list of Roses we have. There has been a [illegible]

VERITAS.—[illegible] the gas lime evenly over your garden, and in two or three weeks time dig it in.

ALBION.—Chicken manure may be used as you propose, but we should advise you to dilute it to [illegible]

J. F. W.—You may use native guano for vegetables and fruits at the rate of three or four ounces [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] OUR ROSE.—If you dress the leaves with any [illegible]

AMATEUR.—[illegible] Sweet Williams, Forget-Me-Nots, with a few clumps of Sweet Peas and hardy annuals some time in March or April. Sow Sweet Peas now.

SQUIRE.—We generally find Shallots are more liable to run to seed when planted in autumn than spring. Possibly those raised from seeds may be more liable to bolt prematurely, but we have found it so. There is some confusion as to Shallots now. The true old variety is a smaller bulb than the Russian kind which everybody appears to grow.

FISH.—My dear sir, if you shoot pigeons or other [illegible] you will have trouble. We know they are a nuisance in a garden, but [illegible] Can you use wire netting in any way to keep them off?

CONSTANT READER.—Certainly you should cut down Raspberries after planting to give them a chance to get established and make canes for next season's bearing. The chief object of pruning young Apple and Pear trees is to get a well furnished tree. In the case of wall trees which have been cut back [illegible] any pruning is required.

KILT.—Your Aspidistra is evidently in bad condition at the roots. The best course is to remove all the exhausted soil from the roots and repot in fresh turfy loam and leaf mould, with enough sand to keep it open and [illegible] about one-eighth part. The pot should be clean and have two inches of broken crocks in the bottom as drainage. Water carefully until new roots are made.

ARTICHOKE.—Your question is a most difficult one to answer, as the circulation of a paper can only be known to the publisher, but as far as our knowledge goes the old and still the most popular penny gardening paper is "Gardening Illustrated," published at 17, Furnival-street, Holborn. The most scientific gardening paper is "The Gardeners' Chronicle," published at 41, Wellington-street, Strand.

BASINGSTOKE.—There is no better manure to bring on Cabbages quickly than guano, and the best way of applying it is in a liquid form, one ounce to the gallon of water. For Potato trenches use a mixture of muriate of potash and superphosphate at the rate of three ounces per yard of trench.

TENNIS (Devon).—Make the land firm by rolling or treading before sowing the grass seeds, otherwise it may not settle evenly. Don't sow the grass seeds till the end of next month or beginning of April, as quick germination is wanted. Half a bushel of seeds should be enough if scattered evenly. There are several advantages in delaying the sowing till the first week in April, as this will give the annual weeds in the soil a chance to germinate, and if the ground is hoed over and raked there will be no weeds to compete with the young grasses. There is no necessity for mixing soil with the seeds, as they can be distributed better without it, and if the ground is made firm you may go over it a second time if necessary. Don't sow the seeds when the surface is wet. If the land is poor turn a little artificial manure with sifted soil and scatter over the seeds to cover them, and then roll down. This covering will protect the seeds from the birds, but if they are at all troublesome run black cotton over the lawn a few inches from the ground.

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Setting a Hen.

The sitting hen will be much in evidence for the next month or two, and a few remarks on her management will no doubt be acceptable. Broody hens are erratic creatures, and before putting a clucking hen on a good sitting of eggs it is just as well to make quite certain that she means business. To test her a few china eggs should be used, and if she sticks tight to these for a couple of days the others may safely be entrusted to her. It is as well to locate the nest away from the other fowls, and the more secluded the spot the better, but it need not necessarily be dark and cheerless. The nest should preferably be upon the ground. The best way to make it is to scoop out of the earth a round cavity, shaped like a saucer and just large enough in circumference to contain the eggs. See that the sides are beaten perfectly smooth, and then line with clean straw or soft hay, sprinkling well with insect powder. It is now ready to receive the eggs, and, if the bird is ready, the hen. The latter should always be put on the nest at night and left undisturbed all next day. The following day and every day thenceforth until the eggs are due to hatch she should be allowed off for 10min or so in the morning to feed. Give her hard grain only, maize and barley for choice, and see that fresh water and grit are always within reach. A dust bath should also be accessible. If she is at all diffident about coming off to feed gently lift her off, and she will soon get to know what is required of her.

Progress of the Laying Competition.

The twelve months' laying competition which is being carried out at Rayne, near Braintree, Essex, under the auspices of the Utility Poultry Club has now completed the first four months of its course. Concerning it, some interesting details have been furnished by the hon. secretary, Mr. E. W. Richardson. Each pen consists of six pure bred pullets, and the following is the total number of eggs laid by each pen in the four calendar months:—1st, White Wyandottes, 332; 2nd, do., 289; 3rd, do., 270; 4th, do., 258; 5th, do., 252; 6th, White Leghorns, 235; 7th, W. La Bresse, 235; 8th, Buff Rocks, 231; 9th, W. Wyandottes, 229; 10th, Buff Rocks, 218; 11th, W. Wyandottes, 216; 12th, do., 199; 13th, Buff Rocks, 165; 14th, Barred Rocks, 153; 15th, Houdans, 148; 16th, Black Wyandottes, 140; 17th, W. Leghorns, 127; 18th, W. Leghorns, 97; 19th, W. Leghorns, 82; 20th, Partridge Wyandottes, 68. The best laying in the month of January was obtained from the 3rd pen, the birds in which laid 110 eggs; the 2nd best was the 15th pen, which produced a total of 102 eggs. This pen is now doing well, having laid 63 in the previous month, but it produced only one egg in the first two months, when eggs were more valuable. A bird in the 3rd pen reached a total of 25 eggs in the 31 days. There are still nine that have not laid at all. The manager reports that the weather has been very variable, extremely low temperatures being registered at night during the first fortnight and considerable sunshine in the day. The health of the birds continues good. Seven of the pens have male birds running with the pullets, and the eggs are being sent away for setting. All the pens have been moved into new grass runs adjoining, with which every pen is provided. This method makes it possible for the grass in the old run to recover, and provides a welcome change for the birds.

CHANTICLEER.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

A. W.—See this week's article.

NOVICE.—We will deal with ducks shortly.

W. FITCH.—Thanks for your record, which I hope to refer to next week.

E. E. B.—Am noting your recipe for egg-eating, for which many thanks.

E. MILLMAN (Mrs.).—Your experience is very interesting. Will use it.

STARTER.—A paper conveying the desired information has been posted on to you.

FRED PARKER.—They are very good to experiment with, but for serious work I should recommend something more expensive. Get Tamlin's catalogue.

VENTURE.—The most suitable fowls for the situation would be Black Leghorns or Black Minorcas, both of which are non-sitting breeds and hardy, but not so their chickens (when first hatched); so that it is not advisable for you to attempt to rear any chickens.

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OVERFAT.—The diet is too fattening, and the fowls are being too generously fed. It is advisable to stop the midday meal, and to feed with oats and maize on alternate evenings. Green food is not fattening. See booklet called "Chickens," which can be obtained from "The Feathered Life" Publishing Co., 5, Fetter-lane, London, post free, for 3½d.

WALMER.—It is fairly certain that the hen with the chronic cough and harsh breathing has a diseased lung, and to an incurable extent. These cases last in some instances for months, and sometimes the birds continue to produce eggs, but they are hardly wholesome, and it is advisable to kill the fowls when they do not yield quickly to treatment.

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Titles are somewhat difficult to find so as to make them fit in with the picture. We would recommend a collection of titles—take, for instance, such poems as "Gray's Elegy," or "The Deserted Village," by Goldsmith, and write out a few titles therefrom; then, by the aid of each one, just work out the style of picture suitable to the title, and then during a ramble, one may come across the picture wanted.

This method is far better than giving expression to the hackneyed "Sunlight and Shadow," "A Study," "A Woodland Path," and similar titles, and, in addition, increases the interest of a walk, besides which, the titles may be selected and the pictures worked out during the long evenings.

Many are now thinking of taking up photography, or, if they have already started, are thinking of changing their apparatus, for a large number are like cyclists, who must have a new machine each year and dabble in various second-hand machines in the meantime.

Now, with regard to a beginner, we should strongly recommend a stand camera. It may not be quite so convenient when at the seaside—and therein is a saving of plates—as with a hand camera there is a great temptation to expose a plate on almost anything and everything. It will also be found that better work may be turned out with a stand camera for various reasons—first, and the most important, is that more time has to be spent over the composition, and consequently the question arises, "Is it worth taking?"; whereas with a hand camera the question generally arises after the exposure is made.

Another important point is that the exposure is more likely to be on the safe side—that is, over exposed—for scarcely anything can be done to an under exposed plate; whilst considerable after treatment may be accorded an over-exposed negative.

If one must have a camera available for snapshot work we should certainly recommend one that may be used either in the hand or on the stand. There are many excellent makes now on the market, and although we generally use a half plate camera we also keep in reserve a quarter plate Sanderson, and we are therefore prepared for any work.

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YESTERDAY'S SPORTS.

A LOOK AHEAD.

THE ARSENAL'S FINE WIN.

FOOTBALL.

A NATIONAL LEAGUE?

By ALEXANDER TAIT.

(Special to "The People.")

The South have fared badly in the third round, and have, by inferior performances simply (many will think) demonstrated the inferiority of S.L. football compared with that of the League. Portsmouth's defeat by Stoke was utterly unexpected. At home Pompey, who perhaps got sea sick, ought to have drawn. It was the unanimous opinion of all I have come into contact with that the Second Leaguers were doomed. Swindon have gone under to "the Wolves" after the best run they ever had in Cup ties. Probably the storm did it.

Southampton alone at present are sure of the fourth round. They are the hope of the South. It may be that Fulham will join them after the replay on Wednesday. After the gallant fight at Ardwick many will fancy "the Cottagers," who are an ideal Cup team. I have just heard that after a great struggle the Palace have finished for this year.

Looking at the day's play it seems as Manchester United will not only be the top of the League, but that they will win the double event. Who will accompany them? Who will be their rivals? Will it be Newcastle?

Just twenty years ago, almost to a week, Mr. W. McGregor sent out his famous circular to five clubs suggesting the formation of the Football League. I have watched it from its birth grow year by year until it has become the mighty power it is to-day. Its founder simply wished to secure an unbroken series of matches and that end he has undoubtedly attained. The Second Division has also developed into a strong and thoroughly interesting competition within the last few years, and it has been increasing in power at the expense of the S.L. The latter has been active as a body for fourteen years, and during the career of Mr. N. Whittaker it grew and increased until it was fully represented by London and the South; Luton, Millwall, Swindon, Woolwich were members as well as Southampton, New Brompton, and Reading. When Tottenham first applied they only got one vote. The S.L. have done a useful work, but when Bradford comes into the South and we have a league formerly confined to the North and Midlands working in London, surely the hour has come for a change. I wonder if any readers of "The People" knew that the Arsenal were ever elected to the S.L.

Why a National Organisation is Necessary.

There is an increasing desire in London to see the best clubs, and this has been made perfectly clear by the brief League history of Woolwich, Fulham, Clapton Orient, as well as Chelsea. Hitherto, there have been few opportunities for the Metropolis to see the great First Division teams who have made history. The South generally speaking have had even fewer chances, though there is but little doubt Plymouth, Portsmouth, and Southampton would increase their gates 50 per cent. if matches were arranged in the course of a season with these clubs. Yet there have not been wanting, as is furnished by the Cup competition, that the crack clubs this side of the Thames can hope to meet on something like equal terms those of Lancashire and the Midlands. In the cricket world, whatever may be the drawbacks of the championship competition, east and west, north and south first-class clubs meet and contest for the highest honours. This is what we want in the national winter game. I am sure there would be an increase of interest, larger gates, bigger crowds and the whole sporting world would watch with breathless interest the struggle for League honours; but it would no longer be restricted, but open to all comers. Six figures have more than once represented the crowd at the Final Cup Tie, but I venture to think that for a rising it in interest would be the struggle for what I may well term "The Association Derby," as the final League match for premier honours would be. A simple plan would be to have a Northern division, a Midland and a Southern division, or as an alternative an Eastern, Western, and Midland. I am not sure that the first, second and third divisions would not be the most simple, giving the leaders of the latter two divisions the places of the last two clubs in the first division. This, however, is a matter of detail. My contention is a National League will come by evolution rather than revolution.

A National League: The Hope of the South.

With the advent of half a dozen or possibly more League clubs in London, the Southern League, as a practical force in football, would be relegated to the background. It is their own fault, the result of according preferential treatment to their own clubs instead of allowing merit to rule. I do not want to mince matters, but for years many men have pleaded for a real second division of the Southern League with automatic promotion, but a majority of clubs' delegates, who have constituted themselves "rulers of the roost," have steadily voted against it. Everyone knows how Fulham opposed the election of Chelsea, and yet within a year deserted themselves, though Mr. Norris accused me of disloyalty to the South when I stated that I knew that was the objective of their policy. It was a bad day when the committee or council listened to the voice of the charmer, who certainly did not charm wisely. Chelsea, the rejected, not only went to the top of the tree in their second season but even when they have been doing badly they have had such colossal crowds and big gates as to excite the envy of every club in the world, and if when they are on "the down grade," they can attract bigger home crowds than any other organisation, how bright are their prospects when luck comes their way. All records would easily be surpassed. There is so much jealousy in London and in the South generally that a National League is needed to give strength and character to the game. There are not at present enough clubs in London for a Metropolitan Division, in addition to any others, but with the South as a third League Division in a National League there would be a great revival of interest in the game.

The Responsibility of the Quest.

There are those who say that the League do not want any more London clubs to join them. As a general statement that may be the case, but I am quite certain from my knowledge of the League clubs that for years they have been ready to welcome Tottenham Hotspur. There is no doubt whatever of our election, but I am not so sanguine as to other clubs. If there is a party within the League who are in favour of only a limited area, I am quite sure there are others who recognise that London is the hub of the universe, and they are particularly anxious to extend their influence there. It will be well to understand that to avoid any risk, neither of the two Southern clubs have yet taken any steps to sever their connection with their League, nor are they likely to do so until after the League meeting, which precedes that of the younger body. Nor do I pay much attention to the fulminations of those who talk about about the "Closed Door" in case of the rejection of any Southern club. It may be taken for granted that no one is likely to apply without a fair prospect of success, and at the most not more than three can be elected, so that it is folly to talk of half a dozen clubs as though they will be Second Leaguers next season. Ever since the day when the 'Spurs won the Cup there has been a very strong impression indeed among the supporters that they should join the League, and year by year that feeling has grown. I believe it will be found that Tottenham have received quite enough promise of support to carry them easily into the Second Division. For the last eight seasons Tottenham have given a succession of fine displays against the best clubs in the country, and have drawn huge crowds in Cup ties, and from a financial point of view they would prove a great acquisition to the League. Besides, such an organisation would include those other London and provincial clubs, besides the Queen's Park Rangers, who are known to be wishful to enter the Second Division, but the League proper cannot expand either of its two divisions as at present constituted. Few can doubt that Millwall, Southampton, West Ham, and Portsmouth have the same ambition as the Rangers from Park Royal. It is obvious that only in a National League could we see such clubs competing against the cream of the North.

THE LEAGUE—DIVISION I.

WOOLWICH ARSENAL 4, MIDDLESBROUGH 1.

Woolwich Arsenal gained a fine victory over Middlesbrough at Plumstead by 4 goals to 1. They tried the experiment of playing a reserve right wing in Lewis and Lee with excellent results. These youths were in fine trim and infused life into the attack. About 6,000 people were present, and the Arsenal had the assistance of a strong wind in the first half. They opened the game sensationally, Watson failing and Freeman, from an apparently off side position, scored. Middlesbrough played well

Iron? Why, it's not even tin!

AGAINST THE ODDS.

and Call was unlucky with a shot which struck the post. Later Bloomer just missed, and a grand first time drive by Lewis beat Williamson. Then Ashcroft muffed a shot from Wilcox which beat him. A gale of wind and rain for a quarter of an hour after the resumption spoilt the game, and Middlesbrough fell to pieces. Lee scored a third goal from the right wing, and just before the finish Coleman, after missing

AN OPEN GOAL,

centred and Lewis headed a smart goal. The defence of Gray and Sharp was good. Ducat, Lewis and Neave also did well. Watson, A. Aitken and the forwards, with the exception of Wilcox and Bloomer, were the poorest on the Middlesbrough side.—Result:—Woolwich Arsenal, 4; Middlesbrough, 1.

SUNDERLAND 4, SHEFFIELD U. 1.

Unpleasant conditions prevailed when these teams met at Sunderland, half a gale of wind blowing and the ground being very slippery. There were about five or six thousand spectators present. Sunderland, with the wind in their favour, in the first half had practically all the play, but the circumstances under which the game took place rendered accurate shooting quite out of the question. Lewesty saved several shots before Holley and Rhodes scored for Sunderland in the ten minutes preceding the interval. At half-time Sunderland were leading by 2 goals to 0. In the second half Sunderland scored

TWO MORE GOALS,

and Sheffield once got past the home goalkeeper, the game ending in favour of Sunderland by 4 goals to 1. Sunderland are now above Birmingham at the foot of the League with a point more to their credit, but the Midland club have two games in hand.

BIRMINGHAM v. NOTTS FOREST.

The match at Birmingham between these teams had to be abandoned ten minutes before half-time owing to the grand stand being blown down by the gale that was raging. The weather was very wet as well and all against good play, but before the game was given up each side managed to score once.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Goals for	Goals ag.	Pts
Manchester U'd.	25	18	4	3	60	29	39
Newcastle Utd.	27	12	6	9	51	34	33
Sheffield Wed.	26	15	9	2	58	40	32
Preston N.E.	28	10	9	9	40	40	29
Bury	27	10	9	8	44	44	28
Manchester City	25	10	8	7	46	41	27
Middlesbrough	29	10	12	7	35	38	27
Everton	25	11	10	4	44	41	26
Aston Villa	26	9	9	8	46	45	26
Bristol City	26	9	9	8	42	45	26
Sheffield Utd.	28	9	11	8	41	48	26
Notts County	28	9	12	7	29	34	25
Woolwich A.	28	9	12	7	40	53	25
Liverpool	24	10	10	4	44	35	24
Notts Forest	26	7	9	10	39	43	24
Chelsea	27	10	13	4	39	52	24
Blackburn R.	26	8	11	7	35	47	23
Bolton W.	27	10	14	3	34	42	23
Sunderland	28	10	15	3	56	60	23
Birmingham	26	6	10	10	24	41	22

THE LEAGUE—DIVISION II.

BURNLEY 4, CHESTERFIELD 2.

The weather was by no means pleasant at Chesterfield, and only about 1,500 people assembled to witness this match. With the wind behind them Burnley attacked strongly in the first half and scored twice through Smith. Lee shot in for Chesterfield, who were trying two new players. After change of ends Burnley continued to hold the upper hand, and further goals were scored for them by A. Smith and R. Smith, while Hall got through for Chesterfield. Burnley thus won in decisive style by four goals to two.

GAINSBOROUGH TRINITY 1, HULL CITY 0.

These teams met at Hull in a gale of wind. Play had only been in progress 10 minutes when the game had to be stopped owing to the high wind and heavy rain. During this time the roof of the eastern portion of the cheap stand was blown off, but the spectators escaped without injury. Subsequently the match was continued, and at half-time nothing had been scored. After change of ends Hull City had the best of matters, but just on time Kitching scored for Gainsborough Trinity, who won by 1 goal to 0.

LINCOLN CITY 5, LEEDS CITY 0.

A regrettable accident occurred during the progress of this match at Lincoln, the gale blowing down a stand, and seriously injuring five people. This caused half an hour's delay in the game, which was ultimately won by Lincoln City by 5 goals to 0. The home side scored three times in the first half, Langham getting two goals, and Wilson one from a penalty kick. Early in the second half, Lincoln City scored from another penalty, Wilson taking the kick, while McCann obtained the fifth point. Leeds played poorly, and were unable to score.

BRADFORD C. 5, STOCKPORT C. 0.

Despite the wet and boisterous weather a company of 8,000 persons assembled to see this match. The ground was in a shocking state, being ankle deep in mud, but the Bradford players adapted themselves very well to the conditions and gave quite a good display. In the first half Smith and Higginson scored for Bradford City, while later on Handley, Clarke and McDonald added further points, Bradford City winning by 5 goals to 0.

DERBY COUNTY v. LEICESTER FOSSE.

At Derby, facing the gale, Derby defended splendidly, but just before the interval, Shinton put Leicester ahead. The second half was all in favour of Derby; but the visitors increased their lead before Bevan scored the only goal for the home side. Leicester thus won by 2 goals to 1.

BARNSLEY v. OLDHAM ATHLETIC.

The weather in the Barnsley district was so bad as to put play in this match out of the question, and the game was postponed without the gates being opened, incessant rain during the night being followed by a hurricane.

W. BROMWICH ALBION v. GLOSSOP.

A drawn game resulted from the meeting of these teams at West Bromwich, each side scoring one goal. The Albion did most of the pressing throughout, and scored through Parkes, Robertson equalising for Glossop.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Goals for	Goals ag.	Pts
Bradford City	27	18	5	4	66	26	40
Derby County	26	16	6	4	58	26	36
Oldham Ath.	25	16	6	3	51	29	35
W. Brom. Alb.	27	14	6	7	44	24	35
Fulham	26	15	7	4	56	33	34
Hull City	28	16	10	2	50	45	34
Leicester Fosse	26	12	6	8	44	33	32
Burnley	27	13	8	6	54	37	32
Stoke	26	12	11	3	38	30	27
W'hampton W.	27	10	10	7	33	30	27
Gainsboro' T.	27	10	12	5	34	53	25
Stockport Co.	27	8	12	7	33	44	23
Leeds City	27	9	13	5	41	54	23
Barnsley	25	9	12	4	42	41	22
Clapton Orient	25	8	11	6	31	46	22
Glossop	25	7	13	5	36	53	19
Grimsby Town	25	5	15	5	26	54	15
Blackpool	26	4	15	7	36	47	15
Chesterfield	25	3	14	8	28	68	14
Lincoln City	27	6	19	2	40	68	14

SOUTHERN LEAGUE—DIV. I.

PLYMOUTH ARGYLE 2, BRENTFORD 1.

These teams met at Plymouth in wet weather before a small attendance. Ten minutes after the start Stirling opened the scoring for the Argyle. The visitors made desperate efforts to equalise, but were still a goal behind at the interval. On restarting the Argyle, although now facing the wind, at once attacked strongly, and Allman increased their lead with a fine shot. Afterwards a mistake by McIntyre let in Parsonage, who scored for Brentford. The visitors were unable to equalise, and Plymouth Argyle won a spirited contest by 2 goals to 1.

QUEEN'S PARK RANGERS 2, BRADFORD 0.

Had the weather been fine the game at Park Royal, where Bradford were the visitors, would probably have been one of the best of the season. As it was, despite a puzzling wind and occasional driving torrents of rain, the contest was a wonderfully good one and was thoroughly enjoyed by 10,000 spectators. The Rangers must count themselves lucky to win by such a margin as two goals to nil, for almost the whole second half they were defending desperately. Cox and Cole, on the Bradford left, were very clever, but they shared the ineptitude of the forwards as a whole when near goal. Brown, the ex-Southampton man, was absent from the Bradford team, while Lintott turned out for the Rangers. On the whole Bradford left

A GOOD IMPRESSION

behind, and were unfortunate not to score. The game was but a few minutes old when Christie, the Bradford left back, in clearing, kicked the ball hard against a Ranger forward. The object rebounded over towards the home left, and Barnes getting at the ball before Craig, beat Baddeley with a clever first time shot. Bradford, however, with the wind, gradually improved, while many situations that promised well, for the Rangers were spoiled by passes going astray. Within a few minutes of the interval Cox got the ball in the net for Bradford, but the whistle had gone for a foul on the Rangers' goalkeeper, so that the home team changed over still holding their lead of a goal. The resumption was somewhat delayed by heavy rain. Bradford restarted

MOST AGGRESSIVELY,

and twice the Rangers' goal almost fell. Cox, when well placed, shot weakly, and Shaw cleared cleverly, and McKie shot past when Shaw was out of goal. For over half an hour the Rangers were distinctly overplayed, but the Bradford forwards could not finish at all effectively. Shaw saved brilliantly for the Rangers, and after Gittins had a lightning drive stopped by Baddeley, the Rangers broke away again and Walker scored a second goal with a long high shot.

NORTHAMPTON 5, LEYTON 2.

Playing at home in the presence of about 3,000 persons Northampton gained a decisive victory over Leyton by 5 goals to 2. Though facing a strong wind Northampton played excellent football in the opening half, but Leyton were frequently dangerous, and Wood scored twice for them within five minutes. Before the interval Platt got through for Northampton. After change of ends Northampton completely outplayed their opponents. Chapman equalised after five minutes, and then goals were added by Dunkley, Platt and McCartney, the last-named scoring with a brilliant shot.

WATFORD 1, NEW BROMPTON 1.

Only about 2,000 people assembled at Watford to see this match. The weather was wretched, rain falling all the time, while a high wind prevailed. Naturally the football seldom rose above a [illegible] standard. In the first half the exchanges were fairly even. Strong defence was the outstanding feature, and neither side scored. Afterwards Walker got through for Watford from a centre by Hubbard, but with a fine shot Salter equalised, and the match was drawn at 1 goal each.

MILLWALL 2, WEST HAM UNITED 0.

There was one of the best "gates" of the season at Upton Park, some 15,000 watching a moderate game which resulted in a victory for Millwall by 2—0. There were several alterations at the last moment, Grassam being left out of the West Ham side and Cunliffe out of the Millwall team. West Ham had the advantage of a fairly strong wind in the first half, but despite this they made little headway, and the exchanges were in Millwall's favour. A couple of vigorous attacks by the visitors finally resulted, after 25 minutes play, in Twigg scoring Millwall's first goal, Shand and Frost having run down the right, passed Taylor, and then Hunter on the other wing picking up

SHAND'S LONG PASS

and centering to the scorer. Millwall had easily retained their lead up to the interval, and afterwards, with the advantage of a little wind comfortably kept their lead. Jones dropping back from the front line to lend support generally to the defence. Rain fell mostly all through the second half, and the ground therefore was very slippery. Referee T. Robertson (of Glasgow) had to use his whistle rather frequently and there were several stoppages, first for Comrie, who was brought down and slid along for several yards, then Riley getting

STUNNED THROUGH HEADING

the heavy ball, while a little later [illegible] had to retire for several minutes, and finally (less than a minute from time) Comrie, Millwall's centre-half, was laid out by being fouled by Piercy, centre-half on the other side, who was ordered off. A few minutes before this [illegible] Twigg had scored Millwall's second, [illegible] Shand sending in a nice centre [illegible] for getting in the way of Clark.

NORWICH CITY v. READING.

Neither side scored in this match at Norwich, which was left drawn. Early in the second half, play was stopped for a quarter of an hour owing to a torrential storm which reduced the ground to a shocking state, water standing near the posts. Norwich made many changes in their team, and Reading were without Smith and Wilkes. There was little interest in the game, which was completely spoilt by the weather. There were [illegible] persons present.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Goals for	Goals ag.	Pts
Queen's Park R.	25	15	5	5	[illegible]	35	35
Plymouth A.	25	14	5	6	34	20	34
Millwall	27	13	9	5	[illegible]	[illegible]	31
West Ham U'td.	26	11	7	8	32	[illegible]	30
Bradf'rd Pk.Av.	27	9	6	12	[illegible]	32	30
Tottenham H.	27	12	9	6	[illegible]	34	30
Bristol Rovers	24	12	7	5	46	39	29
Reading	27	12	10	5	45	[illegible]	29
Crystal Palace	26	11	10	5	37	[illegible]	27
Northampton	27	8	9	10	30	[illegible]	26
Swindon	24	9	8	[illegible]	[illegible]	24	25
Southampton	24	11	10	3	[illegible]	34	25
Brighton and H.	23	8	10	5	[illegible]	35	21
Portsmouth	25	9	13	3	[illegible]	36	21
Norwich City	26	6	11	9	26	32	21
Brentford	26	9	14	3	33	41	21
N. Brompton	26	7	12	7	[illegible]	54	21
Watford	26	7	13	6	27	44	20
Luton	24	7	13	4	[illegible]	35	18
Leyton	27	6	15	6	33	51	18

SECOND DIVISION.

Croydon Common, 2; Wycombe Wanderers, 0.

Southend United, 2; Swindon Town Res., 0.

ENGLAND v. WALES.

AMATEUR INTERNATIONAL.

This, the third of the Amateur International encounters arranged for the present season, took place at Stockport, where, with the afternoon [illegible], scarcely a thousand people gathered to witness the contest. C. Morgan filled the post of goalkeeper for Wales, but no further changes occurred in the composition of the opposing teams. Winning the toss the Welshmen set their opponents to kick off against a gale of wind. Play settled down in mid-field for a time, while afterwards the Englishmen, despite the handicap under which they laboured, did their share of pressing. At length came a very pretty movement, in which the whole of the five English forwards participated, and a score seemed certain, when Blew, getting in between Woodward and Stapley, cleared in splendid style. Gradually the home side were driven back, and E. Peake sent in a fine hard shot, which Bailey, after nearly letting the ball slip through his hands, managed to get away. The wind continued to tell much against the English team, who, however, brought off some

CLEVER COMBINED WORK

and occasionally forced their way to the visitors' quarters. Rather better together than their opponents, the Englishmen continued to hold their own, but the high wind prevented either side being seen to real advantage, the ball being blown about in all directions, constantly eluding the efforts to control it. On one occasion, however, Stapley, taking a pass from Williams, slipped past E. Peake, the Welsh centre half, but the latter dashed after his opponent, and tackled him when just about to shoot. The first portion of the game was nearly at an end when Woodward scored. Half-time arrived with the game:—English Amateurs, 1 goal; Welsh Amateurs, 0.

On crossing over the [illegible] spoiled the play. A strong attack by the home forwards came to nothing through Stapley being pulled up for off side. Still pressing, the Englishmen came very near scoring through Bell, a hard drive from that player passing only a few inches

OUTSIDE THE POST.

A corner followed, but the Welshmen got the ball away and raced down to the English quarters. The relief, however, was only temporary, the Welsh defenders speedily finding themselves hard pressed again. Despite repeated attacks, the home side failed to force the ball into the Welsh net again, and had to rest content with a narrow victory, the final score being: English Amateurs, 1; Welsh Amateurs, 0.

CLUB MATCHES.

BRIGHTON AND HOVE ALBION v. NOTTS COUNTY.

With boisterous weather prevailing not more than about a thousand people assembled at Brighton to see this match. Rain also fell heavily at times and altogether the conditions were very unpleasant. Notts County played Waterall for Tarplin, while on the Brighton side Hulme took the place of Hall. Brighton and Hove had the wind behind them in the first half and scored three goals, Longstaff, Burnett, and Joynes getting through. Afterwards Jones scored for Notts County, and Brighton and Hove Albion won by 3 goals to 1.

CHELSEA v. TOTTENHAM H.

Free from cup-tie engagements Chelsea and Tottenham Hotspur arranged a "friendly" match, which was played at Stamford Bridge before about [illegible]000 spectators. A strong cross wind and frequent rain showers spoiled the game to some extent. Tottenham pressed from the start and scored first through Seeburg from Walker's pass, Whitley failing to hold a fast, low shot from the [illegible] home centre. Chelsea equalised a minute afterwards, [illegible] giving Hilsdon an easy chance to score from a 10 yards range. From this point till half-time when the scores were unaltered, both goals were visited, Whitley saving well from Walker and Seeburg and Whitbourne from Brawn and Windridge. Pass netted the ball near half time, but the point was disallowed. The second half opened with a strong attack by the Tottenham forwards. Seeburg standing under the bar scored from Walker's pass, but this goal also was not allowed. Chelsea had most of the play in the last half hour and Hilsdon, Windridge and Fairgray executed some pretty movements. Chaplin and Burton, however played a good game and kept them out till the close. Result: Chelsea, 1; Tottenham H., 1.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY v. OLD WESTMINSTERS.

At Queen's Club. In half a gale of wind good football was a matter of difficulty and though often attacking Oxford could not score in the first half. Facing the wind, after change of ends, they again had the best of the play and after Anderson had kept out several shots, Pawson kicked through after a corner and Oxford won by 1 goal to 0.

CLAPTON ORIENT v. LUTON.

At Homerton. Wretched weather prevailed. Luton were weak in their forward work throughout and the result was scarcely ever in doubt. The Orient, with the wind favouring them in the first half, scored three times without reply. Martin got the first goal after a period of hot attacking by the Orient, and 10 minutes later Whittaker also beat the visitors' defence. Goffin followed with another after some clever concerted play in mid field. Though favoured by the elements in the second half Luton never looked like recovering their lost position. They made a few dashes, but finished badly, and a deal of extra work was thrown upon the defence. Goffin scored a further goal about midway through the second half, and then a magnificent effort on the part of Parker brought about another downfall of the Luton goal, and the Orient [illegible].

NORTHERN UNION.

ST. HELENS v. NEW ZEALANDERS.

The last match of the New Zealanders' tour, played at St. Helens, was largely spoiled by the weather. Heavy rain in the morning was followed by a gusty wind which at times blew with hurricane force. Strong teams took the field and St. Helens had the help of the wind in the first half. Directly after Wright had kicked off the home side became dangerous, Hillier and Briers going down and from a [illegible] Manchester [illegible].

A [illegible] KICK

at goal. The New Zealanders set up a strong attack, Messenger running well and passing to [illegible], who was only stopped just outside the line. Wright dashed away, but tried a kick, and the ball was blown back. St. Helens set up more attacks that were met by keen tackling, and play became fast and even. However, the home team held their opponents again and Hill added a try from which James Creevy kicked a goal. After

SOME DESPERATE EFFORTS

by the New Zealanders play again went in favour of St. Helens, and Creevy dropped a goal. Thus at half-time, St. Helens led by 2 goals and 2 tries (10 points) to nothing.

On restarting with the wind behind them, the New Zealanders playing splendidly, had all the game. Tyler, Buckerfield, R. Wynyard (two), and Johnston got tries, and Messenger kicked three goals. All the efforts of St. Helens to score proved unavailing, and the New Zealanders won handsomely by 3 goals 5 tries to 2 goals 2 tries (21 points to 10).

NORTHERN UNION LEAGUE.

Swinton 12, Hull Kingston Rovers 4
Runcorn 9, Leigh 2
Batley 5, Hull 0
Salford 5, Oldham 0
Hunslet [illegible], Leeds 0 [illegible]
Warrington 14, Wigan 5
Huddersfield 12, Bradford [illegible]
Dewsbury 15, Keighley 10
Barrow [illegible]
Merthyr 10, Wakefield Trinity 2
Widnes v. Halifax, Rovers and [illegible]
[illegible]

FIFTH TEST MATCH.

RAIN STOPS PLAY.

Sydney, Feb. 22.—The fifth Test Match of the M.C.C. tour was continued here to-day, but shortly after lunch rain fell heavily, and no further play being possible, the game was adjourned until Monday. Hobbs and Gunn continued the English innings, with the total standing at 116 for one wicket. The total was taken to 1[illegible] before Hobbs was bowled. He had batted in grand style for two hours and [illegible] minutes, and had hit seven 4s. The Australian total was passed with only two wickets down, but at five minutes to one a shower caused a stoppage for 19 minutes. After this Hutchings showed more freedom, but at 168 Macartney went on bowling instead of Noble, at [illegible] total the Kent amateur was run out. He had been in half an hour, and in that time 35 runs had been added to the total. Hardstaff made a single, and then the luncheon interval arrived. When the total stood at 187 for three wickets, rain came on and stopped play for the day. Score:—

AUSTRALIA.

M. A. Noble b Barnes [illegible]
[illegible] Macartney c Crawford b Barnes 1
[illegible] c Young b Crawford [illegible]
C. Hill c Hutchings b Barnes 12
[illegible] Gregory c and b Barnes [illegible]
W. W. Armstrong c and b Crawford 3
V. Trumper c Braund b Barnes 10
[illegible] b Barnes 11
R. Hartigan c and b Crawford 1
H. Carter, not out 1
J. Saunders c Young b Barnes 0
Extras 10
Total 1[illegible]

ENGLAND.

F. L. Fane b Noble 0
Hobbs b Saunders [illegible]
Gunn, not out [illegible]
K. L. Hutchings run out 13
Hardstaff, not out [illegible]
Extras [illegible]
Total (for 3 wkts) 1[illegible]

—Central News.

WRESTLING.

McINERNEY v. VERVET.

There was a large company present at the Empire Theatre, Liverpool, when Emil Vervet (France) and Tom McInerney (Liverpool) met to wrestle the best of three falls in mixed styles for £100. The first fall, in catch-as-catch-can style fell to McInerney in 1min 22sec. The second, in Græco-Roman, was won by Vervet in 20min [illegible]sec, and the deciding fall, in catch-as-catch-can style, was won by McInerney in 7min 9sec. McInerney thus won the match.

DRAUGHTS.

LONDON LEAGUE MATCHES.

[illegible] of London beat Poplar [illegible] by 9 to 0, with 3 draws. Early Division: Rounds beat Railway Clearing House by 9 to 0, with 3 draws. City of London beat Clapham by 12 to 1. Rounds had [illegible] this season with [illegible] 2 points behind. 3rd Division: [illegible] Congregational [illegible] beat Walthamstow by 5 to 2, with 3 draws.

PRINTING TRADES LEAGUE.

Amalgamated Press [illegible] 4 wins with 4 draws.

LONDON CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Last night's play resulted in Galloway scoring [illegible] points from Vince, Kaiser and A. Wray [illegible] 1 each, while Jordan v. Scott, Young v. [illegible], and Birkenshaw v. Lyons all resulted in drawn games. Present score: W. Scott 2½ points, A. Jordan 2, R. Galloway 2, J. Lyons 2, [illegible], J. Birkenshaw 2, W. Gray 2, W. Young 1, P. Kaiser 1, G. York 1.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.—[illegible]

MINOR COMPETITIONS.

ASSOCIATION.

AMATEUR CUP.
[illegible] 1, Preston 0.
ARTHUR DUNN CUP.
Old Malvernians 3, Old Reptonians 0.
ASCOT LEAGUE.
Sunningdale 1, Bracknell Wanderers 1.
Wokingham Town 4, Binfield 0.
Ascot Res. 10, Wokingham Ath. Res. 0.
Windsor Forest 3, Sandhurst 0.
Sunninghill Res. 1, Bracknell Res. 0.
A.F.A. SENIOR CUP.
SECOND ROUND.
Ealing 10, [illegible] Park 0.
Norsemen 0, Richmond Association 5.
Marciana 3, Parthians 2.
New Crusaders 1, [illegible] 1.
A.F.A. JUNIOR CUP.
[illegible] 5, Finchley Manor 0.
ALDERSHOT SENIOR CUP.
Royal Irish Rifles 5, South Farnborough 1.
APSLEY JUNIOR CHARITY CUP.
SEMI-FINAL.
Berkhampsted Sunnyside 2, Boxmoor 1.
BLACKHEATH LEAGUE.
[illegible] 3, Northumberland and [illegible] 2.
BRIGHTON AND HOVE LEAGUE.
Brighton and Hove Teachers 5, Marlborough 1.
Portland Rovers 2, Queen's Park 0.
Steine House 3, Brighton Argyle 0.
Hove Belmont 3, Robinson's Athletic 0.
Silver Star 4, Old Hove Brigade 2.
East Brighton 3, St. Mary's Old Boys 2.
Regency 2, Lewes Institute 1.
BROOKLYN CHARITY CUP.
SEMI-FINAL.
[illegible] 1, East Cowes Victoria 1.
CORINTHIAN SHIELD.
FINAL TIE.
West Ham [illegible], Walthamstow 1.
COWES CHARITY CUP.
SEMI-FINAL.
[illegible] 1, East Cowes Vics. 1.
CLAPHAM LEAGUE.
[illegible], Mavis Res. 0.
Balham Ath. 3, Balham Res. 1.
CITY CHAMPIONSHIP.
Waring 2, [illegible] 0.
[illegible] 4, [illegible] 3.
Minerva 2, Ravensbourne 1.
Cromwell 1, Condor 1.
CITY MINOR CHAMPIONSHIP.
Minerva Res. 3, Ravensbourne Res. 2.
COLCHESTER AND DISTRICT LEAGUE.
Brightlingsea 3, St. Joseph 0.
King's Royal Rifles 2, Colchester Crown 2.
Royal Field Artillery 4, Harwich and Parkeston [illegible].
DORSET LEAGUE.
Weymouth 2, Royal Garrison Artillery 2.
EAST HERTS LEAGUE.
Hoddesdon Inst. 3, Hoddesdon Town 1.
GREAT WESTERN SUBURBAN LEAGUE.
[illegible] 3, [illegible] 1.
[illegible] 4, [illegible]
GRIERSON CUP.
SEMI-FINAL.
[illegible]
HANTS LEAGUE.
Cowes 3, [illegible]
HANTS SENIOR CUP.
SEMI-FINAL.
Southampton Res. 1, Army Medical Corps 0.
HOUSEHOLD BRIGADE CUP.
FINAL TIE.
1st Scots Guards 2, [illegible] 1.
HERTS COUNTY CUP.
SEMI-FINAL.
[illegible]
HERTS SENIOR CUP.
[illegible]
ISTHMIAN LEAGUE.
[illegible] 2, West Norwood 0.
[illegible] 2, [illegible] 2.
ISLE OF WIGHT LEAGUE.
Newport 4, Sandown 1.
Freshwater Artillery [illegible], Freshwater 2.
54th Company Royal Artillery 2, Cowes Res. 1.
Bembridge 3, East Cowes Vic. Res. 1.
Sandown Res. 5, Newport Res. 1.
JUNIOR MILITARY LEAGUE.
South Wales Borderers Res. 2, [illegible] Res. 1.
KENT LEAGUE.
Royal Scots 1, Gravesend 1.
KENT SENIOR CUP.
Bromley 5, Ramsgate Town 1.
[illegible] 4, Margate Town 2.
KENT JUNIOR CUP.
SIXTH REPLAYED TIE.
[illegible] 2.
LONDON LEAGUE.
Woolwich Arsenal Res. [illegible], Leyton Res. 0.
West Ham Res. 3, [illegible] 1.
Croydon Common Res. 2, [illegible] 0.
[illegible] 3, [illegible] 1.
[illegible] 2, [illegible] 1.
LONDON SENIOR CUP.
SECOND ROUND.
[illegible] 2.
[illegible] 0.
LONDON BANKS LEAGUE.
[illegible]
MIDDLESEX LEAGUE.
[illegible]
NORFOLK AND SUFFOLK LEAGUE.
[illegible] 0, [illegible] Town 0.
NORTH ESSEX LEAGUE.
[illegible] 2.
[illegible] 3.
[illegible] 0.
OXFORDSHIRE SENIOR CUP.
SECOND ROUND.
Henley Britannia 4, Oxford City Res. 1.
PORTSMOUTH LEAGUE.
[illegible] 2, Portsmouth [illegible] 1.
St. Jude's [illegible], [illegible] 2.
REDHILL LEAGUE.
[illegible] 3, [illegible] Rovers 0.
SOUTHERN AMATEUR LEAGUE.
Croydon 2, Ipswich 1.
SOUTHERN SUBURBAN LEAGUE.
Woolwich Polytechnic [illegible], Wimbledon 1.
[illegible] Res. 2, [illegible] Sports 0.
SUFFOLK JUNIOR CUP.
Lowestoft 2, Ipswich (A) 0.
SOUTH ESSEX LEAGUE.
[illegible] 1, Wanstead 0.
SENIOR MILITARY LEAGUE.
7th Hussars 3, King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry 2.
Army Service Corps 4, 3rd Scots Guards 0.
South Lancashire Regt. 2, [illegible]
Royal Engineers 4, Scottish Rifles 2.
SOUTHDOWN LEAGUE.
[illegible] 3, [illegible] 0.
[illegible] 14, Southwick 1.
SOUTH BUCKS AND EAST BERKS LEAGUE.
Slough Rovers 4, [illegible] 3.
Windsor and Eton [illegible] 5, Slough Y.M.C.A. 0.
SURREY JUNIOR CHARITY CUP.
[illegible] Res. 0, Epsom Albion 0.
SURREY MINOR CUP.
FIFTH ROUND.
Camberley St. Georges 2, [illegible] 1.
SURREY JUNIOR LEAGUE.
[illegible] 0, [illegible] United 0.
TUNBRIDGE WELLS AND DISTRICT CHARITY CUP.
Mount Pleasant 2, [illegible] 1.
[illegible] 5, [illegible] Athletic 1.
[illegible] 4, Southborough 1.
[illegible] 2.
TEDDINGTON LEAGUE.
[illegible] Res. 2, Twickenham St. John's 1.
UNITED SERVICE CHARITY CUP.
H.M.S. Grafton 1, Royal Artillery 0.
WEST SURREY LEAGUE.
Guildford 3, Woking 0.
[illegible] 5, Kingston 1.
WEST HERTS LEAGUE.
SECOND DIVISION.
[illegible] 3, Apsley Res. 1.
WEST ESSEX JUNIOR LEAGUE.
[illegible] Res. 4, [illegible] 0.
WEST MIDDLESEX LEAGUE.
Staines 1, [illegible] 1.
WEST SUSSEX SENIOR LEAGUE.
Chichester [illegible] 4, [illegible] 2.
Brighton Belmont 3, Shoreham 3.
[illegible] 1, [illegible] 0.
Worthing 0, [illegible] 2.
WORKING MEN'S FEDERATION CUP.
[illegible] 1, Barnes 0.

HOCKEY.

ENGLAND v. WALES.

THE ENGLISH TEAM.

The English team to meet Wales at Bath on March 7, which [illegible] after the North and South match, is as follows:—H. I. Woods (Staffordshire), goal; H. S. Freeman (Middlesex) and C. W. Marshall (Cheshire), backs; J. Y. Robinson (Kent), E. W. Page (Staffordshire), and A. Noble (Lancashire), half-backs; W. H. Twigg (Staffordshire), A. I. Draper, [illegible], R. Shoveller (Surrey), R. Jordan (Surrey), and H. M. Slade (Gloucestershire), forwards.

IRELAND v. WALES.

This international hockey match took place at Whitchurch, Cardiff, and resulted in favour of Ireland by 4 goals to 2. At half-time Ireland led by 3 goals to 0.

NORTH v. SOUTH.

VICTORY OF THE SOUTH.

In spite of the boisterous weather, between 1,200 and 1,300 spectators were present at the 19th annual match [illegible] South 4, [illegible] 0.

DISTRICT MATCHES.

ASSOCIATION.

ALDERSHOT.
[illegible] Gloucesters 3, Dragoons [illegible] 1.
D Company (Gloucesters) 3, H Company 0.
B Company (Gloucesters) 1, H Company [illegible].
East End 2, [illegible] 2.
BASINGSTOKE.
Basingstoke 0, 2nd Lincoln Regt. 0.
Andover [illegible], North Hants Iron Works 2.
North Warnboro' 2, Albions 1.
North Hants Iron Works Res. 2, [illegible] 1.
Eversley 0, [illegible] 0.
Basingstoke United 3, Hants Depot 2.
BOURNEMOUTH.
C. Bartlett's Team 5, St. Paul's 1.
Bournemouth Schools 4, Masters 1.
Poole Hornets [illegible], 4th Hants B 0.
St. Andrew's Athletic 4, 4th Hants [illegible]
Bournemouth Wanderers 2, [illegible] 0.
Boscombe 3, Longfleet St. Mary 1.
[illegible] School 5, Lansdowne 1.
Bournemouth [illegible] 4, Wimborne [illegible]
Boscombe Institute 2, Wimborne [illegible]
[illegible] 0.
BLACKHEATH.
Lewisham Park Avenue 2, Deptford [illegible]
[illegible]
BRIGHTON.
[illegible]
BECKENHAM.
[illegible]
CAMBRIDGE.
[illegible]
CHERTSEY.
[illegible]
FAIRFIELD.
[illegible]
EASTBOURNE.
[illegible]
[illegible] PARK.
[illegible]
HASTINGS.
[illegible]
HACKNEY.
[illegible]
HOMERTON.
[illegible]
NORFOLK.
[illegible]
PECKHAM.
[illegible]
PORTSMOUTH.
[illegible]
READING.
[illegible]
Reading Amateurs (A) 4, Reading [illegible]
[illegible]
Fireside 11, Caversham Road Inst. 0.
Henley Trinity Rovers 5, West Reading [illegible]
Wokingham Town 4, Binfield 0.
Sunningdale 1, Bracknell Wanderers 1.
Sunninghill Res. 1, Old Bracknell Res. 0.
Windsor Forest 3, Sandhurst 0.
Ascot Res. 10, Wokingham Ath. Res. 0.
[illegible]
REDHILL.
[illegible]
RAYNES PARK.
[illegible]
SLOUGH.
[illegible]
SOUTHAMPTON.
[illegible]
SUFFOLK AND NORTH ESSEX.
[illegible]
TUNBRIDGE WELLS.
[illegible]
WADHAM LODGE.
Olympians 4, [illegible] 0.
[illegible]
WIMBLEDON.
[illegible] 4, Beatrice 1.
Wimbledon 3, Tolworth 3.
Wimbledon St. Mark's 13, [illegible]
Crawford Old Boys 0, Tooting [illegible] Res. 1.
WOOLWICH.
Woolwich Reds 2, White Hart 0.
Erith United 1, Plumstead Argyle 1.
Plumstead United 3, [illegible] 1.
Excelsior 1, All Saints 1.
Eltham Park 4, [illegible] 1.
Clarence 2, [illegible] 0.
[illegible] 4, St. Margaret's 0.

LACROSSE.

Woodford 9, Croydon 0.
Snaresbrook 7, Clapham 1.
Woodford 2nd 14, Highgate 2nd 2.
[illegible]
Hampstead 9, [illegible] 5.
Surbiton 7, Cambridge University 1.
[illegible]
[illegible] 12, [illegible] School 2.

"THE PEOPLE" MIXTURE.

PARAGRAPHS FROM ALL PARTS.

In London 2,491 births and 1,752 deaths were registered last week.

The births were 90 below and the deaths 116 above the average numbers in the corresponding weeks of the previous five years.

The annual death-rate from all causes, which had been 18.0, 17.2 and 17.7 per 1,000 in the preceding three weeks, rose last week to 19.0.

The 1,752 deaths included 23 from measles, 18 from scarlet fever, 12 from diphtheria, 36 from whooping-cough, 4 from enteric fever, 1 from ill-defined pyrexia, and 12 from diarrhœa.

The deaths attributed directly to influenza numbered 84, having been 25, 32, and 34 in the preceding three weeks.

Different forms of violence caused 67 deaths. Of these 19 were cases of suicide, while the remaining 48 deaths were attributed to accident or negligence.

In Greater London 3,823 births and 2,394 deaths were registered. Allowing for increase of population, these numbers are 163 below and 99 above the respective averages in the corresponding weeks of the previous five years.

The deaths registered last week in 76 great towns of England and Wales corresponded to an annual rate of 18.6 per 1,000 of their aggregate population, which is estimated at 16,234,952 persons in the middle of this year. In the preceding three weeks the rates had been 18.5, 18.2, and 18.3.

With a piece of cord tied tightly round his neck, Lance Sprigg, aged 16, was found dead in a warehouse at Leicester, where he was employed.

NEW PLAYGROUND FOR BOW.

Among the latest subscribers to the fund for acquiring a portion of the Grove Hall, Bow, as an open space for the extreme part of the East End, are Lord Tredegar and Sir John Brunner, who each subscribe £20. Only £560 is now required.

WAR ON CATS.

Believing cats to be the greatest destroyers of bird life in the world, Dr. Joseph Kalbfus, chief game protector of the State of Pennsylvania, recommends the placing of a bounty on the scalp of the domestic as well as the wild cat.

OLD HERO'S DEATH.

Sergt. David McIlroom, of the old 93rd Highlanders, has died at Girvan in his 83rd year. He served under Sir Colin Campbell in the Crimean war, and was one of the "Thin Red Line" who faced the Russian charge at Balaclava.

[illegible] destroyed the rectory at [illegible], Hertfordshire.

[illegible] have been found [illegible] Neville, last season, two of them having had their tails cut off.

Ald. Pink Turner, oldest borough magistrate of Burton-on-Trent, has just died, aged 71.

A robin has built its nest in a flower pot hanging in a summer house in the garden of Mr. [illegible] Road, Uxbridge.

Clad in his shirt, Edwd. Wilde, of West Wratting, Cambridgeshire, jumped down a well 80ft. deep and was drowned.

Three hundred old horses [illegible] are offered for sale [illegible] 1,000 at £3 to £7 each. They are said to be used for houseboats.

Owing to the increase of motor car traffic the average annual cost of maintaining the 225 miles of roads in the Dunmow rural district has risen from £15 to £17 per mile.

Buried under a fall of roof at the Camber's pit, No. 8 Cumberland, two coal-hewers, Robt. Thompson and Chas. Lavender, were rescued alive after four hours.

To inquire into and relieve distress the ministers of churches of all denominations at Willesden Green have formed themselves into a kind of board of guardians, the vicar of the parish being chairman, the Roman Catholic priest treasurer, and the Nonconformist minister hon. secretary.

JAPANESE STUDY ENGLISH FISHING.

Two Japanese delegates have visited Lowestoft to study how our trawling and herring voyages are conducted. To supplement their observations and report, a Lowestoft photographer has completed to the order of the Japanese Government a fine series of enlarged photographs showing the various operations in the fishing industry.

THE ROYAL EAR HOSPITAL.

That deserving institution, the Royal Ear Hospital, is making a special appeal for financial assistance. Since its foundation over 200,000 poor persons have been treated there, but the work is now hampered by lack of funds. Donations should be sent to the treasurer of the hospital at Dean-st., Soho.

CRUELTY TO CLERGYMEN.

Why, a writer in a morning paper asks, when the sermon begins in church, should so much coughing commence and continue without intermission? I have known preachers break down under it, and a great bishop plead against it. What is there that can justify this cruelty to clergymen?

The death is announced at Ottawa of Justice Burbidge, of the Exchequer Court of Canada.

Miss Evelyn Stevens, of Whittlebury Manor, Northamptonshire, has died from injuries received while hunting with the Grafton Hounds.

An enormous sapphire, weighing half a pound, and flawless, has just been found in a gem mine at Ratnapura, Ceylon.

The Postmaster-General has appointed Sir J. Gavey, C.B., late Engineer-in-Chief, to be Consulting Engineer to the P.O.

Mr. Birrell informed Lord Balcarres, in a printed reply, that the number of emigrants from Ireland in 1905 was 30,676, in 1906 35,344, and last year 39,082.

The L.C.C. this week adopted a proposal to increase the retiring allowance of the clerk of the Council and to increase the salary of the chief officer of the tramways from £1,400 to £1,750.

Owing to their inability to make a living due to the crowded state of the profession, many young Washington (U.S.A.) doctors are acting as Government clerks during the day, and practising their profession in the evening.

£7,000 has been transferred from Hammersmith's electricity undertaking's funds in relief of the rates. It is proposed to relieve the Liverpool rates by over £55,000 out of the profits made by the city's electricity and tramway systems.

A meeting of pottery manufacturers decided at Stoke that the moment for granting the operatives' demand for a 15 per cent. increase in wages was not opportune, but it was resolved to meet the men and discuss all differences.

The Postmaster-General's accounts for the year ending March 31, 1907, show that on the telegraph and telephone services the expenditure exceeded the receipts by £612,698 8s. 11½d. The total income was £4,369,227 3s. 5d. The gross expenditure was £5,011,925 12s. 4½d.

"AN AWFUL LOT."

"Bless my life," exclaimed the Brentford magistrate as the seventh woman who wanted a separation from her husband appeared in the box, "what an awful lot husbands are."

ABANDONED AT SEA.

Finding the Swedish sailing ship Norrkoping totally abandoned with a full cargo in the Atlantic, Capt. Jones, of the Chirripo, put his chief officer, an apprentice, and nine men on board the ship, which was safely taken to Bermuda.

WANTS TO BE "CUT OFF."

A San Francisco man is petitioning for a divorce from his wife, who was a telephone girl before their recent marriage. He complains that every time he goes home and says, "Hello, dearie," she looks out of the window abstractedly and says, "Number, please?"

[illegible] answer this question and [illegible] was a [illegible] made by Judge Willis at Southwark County Court.

In recognition of the services rendered to one of his personal servants the King has sent an invalid coach to Guy's Hospital.

The new Solicitor-General attended at Buckingham Palace on Monday to receive knighthood at the hands of the King. His Majesty performed the ceremony with a sword which he borrowed from a member of his suite.

The idea of holding a pageant in the city and county of Nottingham, which was mooted some months ago with considerable enthusiasm, has been abandoned owing to lack of public interest.

On a charge of stealing a diamond pin from the dead body of Mr. Garner, who was killed by a motor-omnibus in the City, Herbert Allen has been committed at the Mansion House.

To commemorate the long association of her husband, the late Prof. Bell Pettigrew, with the University of St. Andrews, Mrs. Bell Pettigrew has offered the authorities £6,000 for a museum.

Four hundred people have been thrown out of work by the disastrous fire which burnt out the extensive factory of Messrs. [illegible] and Sons, of Leicester, doing damage to the amount of £20,000.

According to a return compiled by the Crown Agent for Scotland, there are 563,488 acres of deer forests and lands in Scottish counties, other than crofting counties, exclusively devoted to sport. The rental of these lands in the valuation roll is £38,718 5s.

DISCHARGES AT THE ARSENAL.

Asked whether further reductions were contemplated at Woolwich Arsenal, Mr. Haldane stated in the House of Commons that the numbers engaged there have not yet reached the normal minimum proposed, but the gradual reduction to that minimum will be effected by wastage and not by further discharges.

NO RUSH FOR "SMALL" HOLDINGS.

Up to the present the Tynemouth Corporation have received only three applications for small holdings under the new Act, the total area of land proposed to be taken up being 22 acres. Consideration of the applications is to be deferred for a few weeks in the hope that others may be forthcoming.

NATIONAL WELSH FESTIVAL.

The above festival will be held at St. Paul's Cathedral next Friday. The Lord Bishop of St. David's will preach, the lessons be read by Sir J. Puleston and Rev. G. H. Jones, while Principal Thomas and the Rev. L. Roderick will intone the service. The Band of the Grenadier Guards under the direction of Lieut. A. Williams, Mus. Doc., Oxon., will accompany the choir, and will also play selections between 6 and 7 p.m.

[illegible] guineas has been voted by the Masons' Co. to the fund for the purchase of Glastonbury Abbey.

The Rev. Owen Williams has been appointed to the Canonry and Chancellorship of Bangor Cathedral.

The King has headed the subscription list of the Royal Isle of Wight Agricultural Society with a gift of £10.

New Grove House, Hampstead, in which Geo. du Maurier, the artist-author of "Trilby," lived for over 20 years, has just been sold.

The Persian Parliament has passed a resolution urging the dismissal of the Minister of the Interior and expressing its general dissatisfaction with the Cabinet.

Mr. and Mrs. Barrow Cadbury have decided to present the estate of Uffculme, situated between Highbury and King's Heath, for the benefit of Birmingham and district.

The timber strike at Sydney is practically settled, the opposing parties having arrived at a compromise, by agreeing to have the case referred to an arbitration court within a month.

The Hull trawler, Golden Crown, has been selected to proceed to the Bay of Bengal, and carry out experimental trawling for the Indian Government.

The Illinois Central Republican Committee has passed a resolution endorsing the candidacy of Mr. Joseph G. Cannon, Speaker of the House of Representatives, for the Presidency.

A Consular report from Yokohama states that Japan is steadily increasing her exportations of jinrikshas, the shipments in 1906 being 10,097 vehicles, and during the first 10 months of 1907, 10,657.

The manner in which French manufacturers have responded to the invitations of the committees in charge of the French portion of the Franco-British Exhibition is made evident by the fact that in a single section, that of alimentation, there are 2,500 exhibitors.

A BIG INCREASE.

During the second half of 1907, 10,662,875 passengers were carried on the "Bakerloo" Tube railway, being an increase of 3,862,981 compared with the corresponding period of 1906. The traffic receipts were £66,536, an increase of £22,272.

WALKED THOUSANDS OF MILES.

Owen Evans, of Bontfaen, near Portmadoc, has walked every day except Sundays from Bontfaen to his work at the slate wharves at Portmadoc for 27 years, covering 1,600 miles a year, or a total of 43,200 miles.

JOY OF NOT BEING AN M.P.

The Hon. C. H. Strutt, who for a number of years represented the Maldon Division of Essex in the Commons, declared at a Unionist meeting at Felsted, "Since I relinquished my Parliamentary duties I have felt a freer, happier, and healthier man."

The Earl of Buckinghamshire has presented a rifle range to the Monks Risborough Rifle Club.

The Home Office authorities purpose extending the Borstal system to female juvenile offenders in prisons.

Mr. Sherwell, M.P. for Huddersfield, is leaving for Australia on medical advice. He is suffering from the effects of overwork.

Caught by the trawl gear, George Reeve, mate of the Lowestoft smack Sapphire, was pulled overboard and drowned.

Sir Alfred B. Garrod, Physician-Extraordinary to Queen Victoria, left estate valued at £84,551 gross and £64,066 net.

At the inquest at Eastbourne on Mrs. Pierpoint, a clergyman's wife, it appeared that she died from burns through a candle igniting some flannelette garments she was wearing.

While hunting near Melfort, Saskatchewan, Mr. Helmar Loftus got lost. As he had no matches with him he was unable to light a fire, and he was frozen to death.

Mr. Lloyd-George stated in the House of Commons that the number of foreign sailors in British ships had increased from 33,000 in 1897 to 38,000 in 1907.

The chairman of the Enfield magistrates this week paid a high tribute to the publicans of the division for the manner in which they had conducted their businesses for the past year.

Mr. J. B. Scott, the last clerk and registrar of the Coal Market and inspector of fruit metage accounts, died suddenly in Guy's Hospital from heart disease. Mr. Scott had been in the service of the Corporation nearly 45 years.

EX-FOOTBALLER'S TRAGIC DEATH.

Rd. Garrett, ex-Welsh International three-quarter, was crushed to death at Penarth coal pits while at work. Garrett, in his day, was a great centre three-quarter, and for years was the main-stay of the Penarth Club.

A POSTMAN'S ROUND.

Mr. Meredith Roberts, Dolgelly, who recently retired from the post of rural postman after 20 years' meritorious service, has been the recipient of the Imperial Service medal. Mr. Roberts walked daily to Brithdir and Rhydymain, the round being 18 miles. The total number of miles walked on duty works out to 155,436.

BISHOP'S FUR COAT.

A Croydon critic declared that he had seen the Bishop of London "wearing a massive fur overcoat that could not have cost less than £50—half a year's salary of a curate." A correspondent has received the following from the Bishop's private secretary: "I may say that his fur coat was given to him by a very old friend, and that it did not cost anything like £50—in fact, not a quarter of that sum."

The garrison in South Africa is to be reduced by 4,000 men this year.

A Crimean veteran named Joseph Slater has just died at Plymouth.

Five valuable cows belonging to a Leckhampstead farmer have been [illegible] through eating the [illegible] of a yew tree.

Mr. Jas. Colbeck, of Batley, in Yorkshire, celebrated this week the golden anniversary of his second marriage.

Many cotton operatives in Lancashire are agitating to abolish work on Saturday morning, and thus making a five days working week.

The death is announced at the age of 68 of the Rev. Thos. Udall, for 40 years the minister of the Shrubland-rd. Congregational Church, Dalston.

Mr. F. E. Smith, M.P., is to be the guest of the Conservative Club, Bothwell-st., Glasgow, at a house dinner on Feb. 28.

The Belfast linen mills have further reduced the working hours to 37 a week, owing to depression of trade. Twenty thousand hands are affected.

No fewer than 101 boys cultivated allotments in different parts of Dorset last year under the scheme promoted by the County Technical Instruction Committee.

The Rev. Jno. White, for 25 years rector of Chevington, Suffolk, died this week. His father and grandfather were rectors of Chevington, and the living has been in the family since 1776.

The Education Committee of the L.C.C. recommend tooth-brush drill for the children in their special schools for the deaf. It is pointed out that with the deaf "the care of the teeth and mouth should be an essential part of education."

The Tokio "Asahi" ("Morning Sun") is organising a round-the-world tour for 50 of its readers of the middle class. The tourists will sail for America on March 18, will visit the chief cities, stay from May 2 to 15 in London, and go home by Paris, Berlin, Moscow, and Vladivostok.

JUDGE AND BOXING.

"Boxing has been the way Englishmen have defended themselves for centuries," said the Lord Chief Justice in opening a debate at Plumstead. "It is a great satisfaction to see a strong bully meet a man who can box."

SHEPHERD'S FAITHFUL DOG.

The body of Malcolm McGregor, aged about 70, shepherd to Capt. Jas. Pender, of Edinburgh, was found in a field at Tay Farm, Meikleour, guarded by his collie dog. The animal had to be driven off with sticks before the body could be touched.

EASTBOURNE MUST WAIT.

Although Eastbourne has a population of over 50,000 and an exceptionally large ratable value, the Local Government Board has refused to grant it the powers of a county borough, and proposes to delay the matter till the census of 1911.

NEXT WEEK, "WHO WANTS A HUSBAND?" SUNG BY ERNIE MAYNE.

"OH, MISTER WHAT'S-ER-NAME."

SUNG by MISS MARIE LLOYD.

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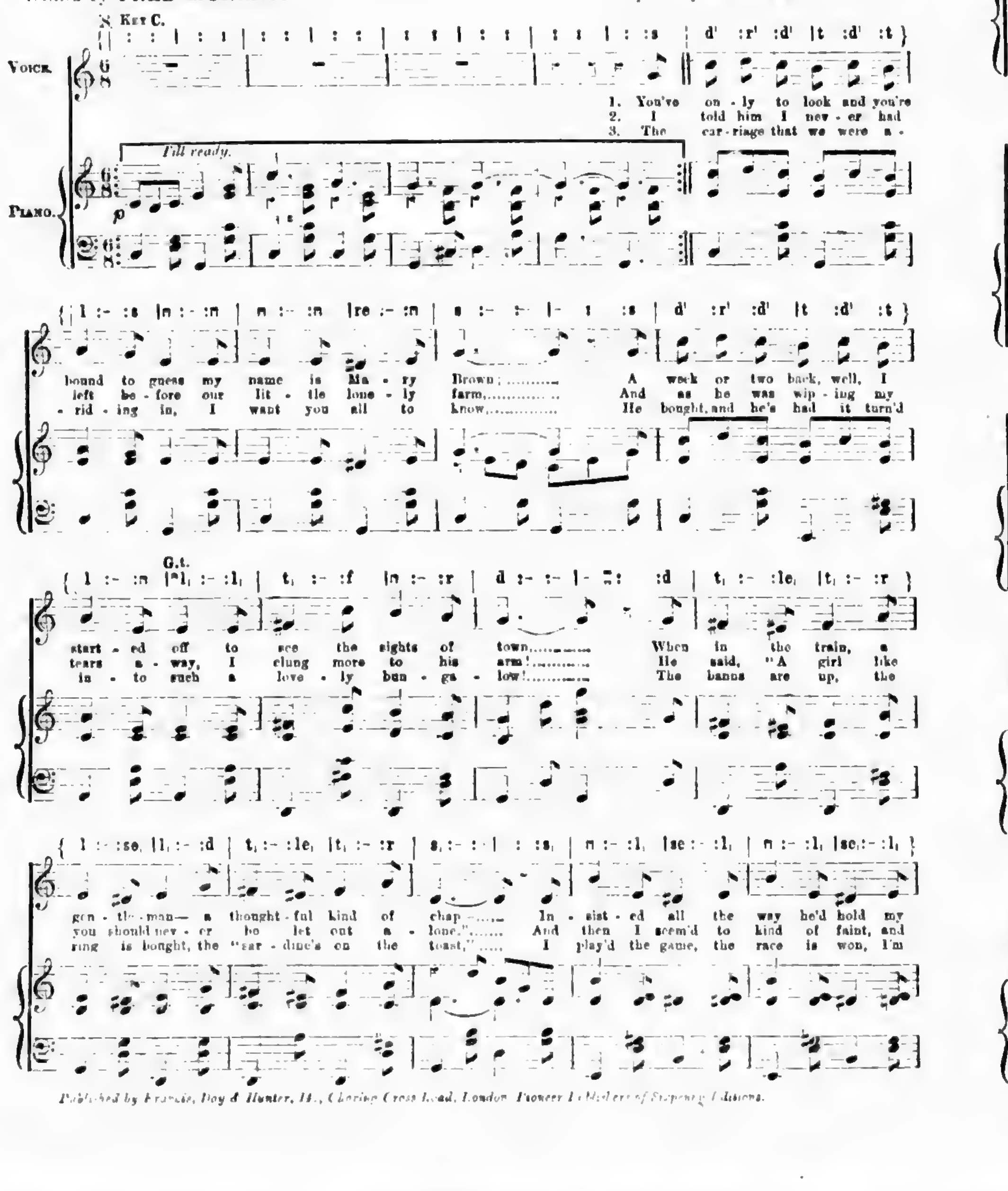
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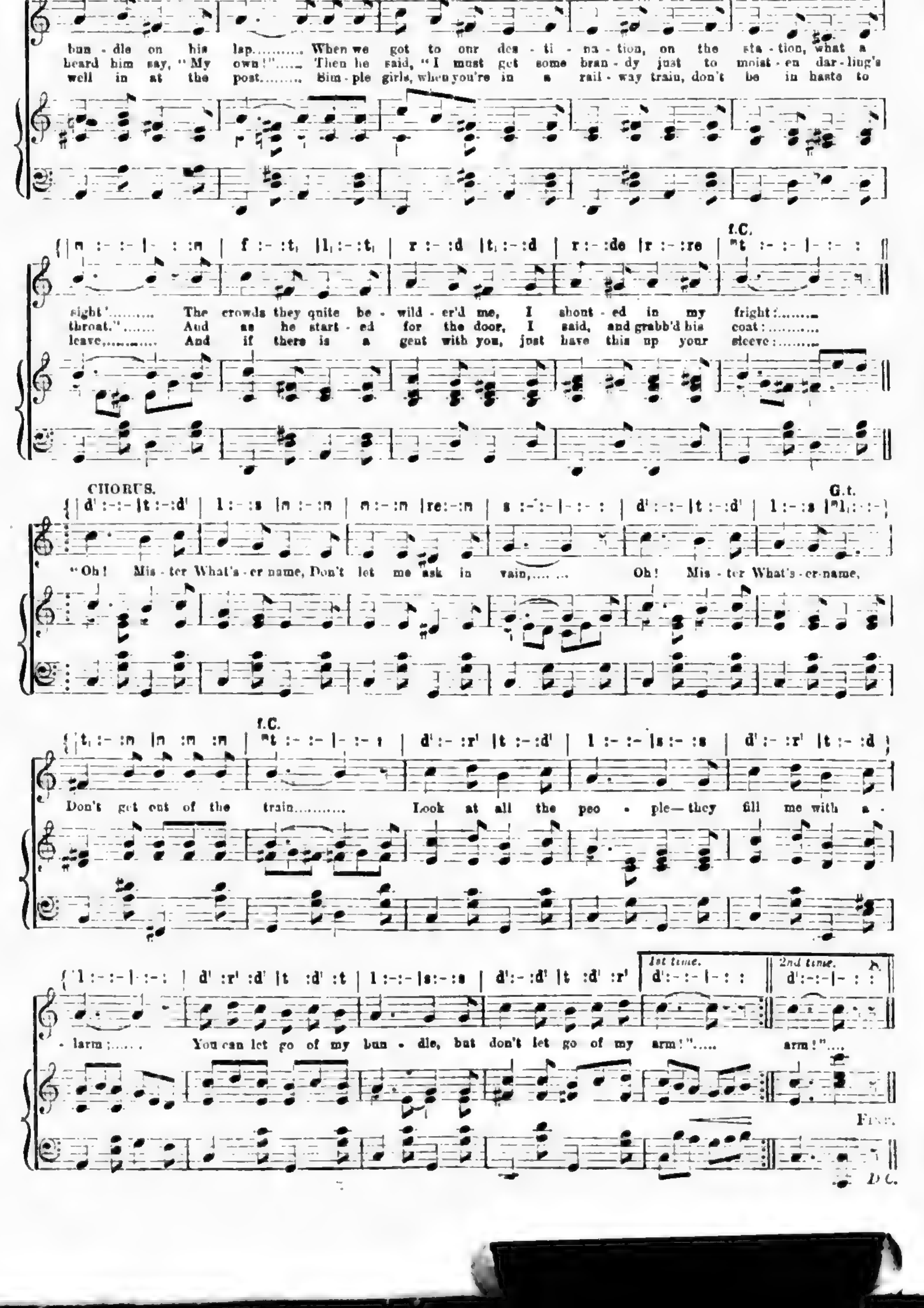
Voice.
Piano.
Till ready.
1. You've only to look and you're bound to guess my name is Mary Brown; A week or two back, well, I started off to see the sights of town. When in the train, a gentleman—a thoughtful kind of chap— Insisted all the way he'd hold my
2. I told him I never had left before our little lonely farm, And as he was wiping my tears away, I clung more to his arm! He said, "A girl like you should never be let out alone." And then I seem'd to kind of faint, and
3. The carriage that we were a-riding in, I want you all to know, He bought, and he's had it turn'd into such a lovely bungalow! The banns are up, the ring is bought, the "sardine's on the toast," I play'd the game, the race is won, I'm
G.t.


bundle on his lap.......... When we got to our destination, on the station, what a sight!.......... The crowds they quite bewilder'd me, I shouted in my fright:..........
heard him say, "My own!".......... Then he said, "I must get some brandy just to moisten darling's throat.".......... And as he started for the door, I said, and grabb'd his coat:..........
well in at the post.......... Bimple girls, when you're in a railway train, don't be in haste to leave.......... And if there is a gent with you, just have this up your sleeve:..........
f.C.
CHORUS.
"Oh! Mister What's-er-name, Don't let me ask in vain,...... Oh! Mister What's-er-name, Don't get out of the train.......... Look at all the people—they fill me with alarm;...... You can let go of my bundle, but don't let go of my arm!"..........
1st time.
2nd time.
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Fine.
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A TRIP TO OSTEND.

MOTORIST AND TWO GIRLS.

REMARKABLE STORY.

£150 DAMAGES FOR ABDUCTION.

An action for abduction was heard at Newcastle Assizes, when a remarkable story was told by counsel of an Alnwick girl taken to Ostend and found in a fainting condition in the streets, and having to be sent home by the British Vice-Consul. It was heard before Justice Channell, and the action, which was for damages for abduction, was brought by Robt. Roper, of Alnwick, on behalf of his daughter, Teresa Roper, against Beresford Lisle.—Mr. E. Shortt was for plaintiff, and Mr. Longstaff for defendant.—Opening the case, Mr. Shortt said Teresa Roper was, at the time of the alleged offence, 16½ years of age. Defendant was

A Man of Wealth.

He was not more than 23 or 24 years of age. He had made himself notorious in that part of the world. He had certain proclivities which, however amusing they might be to him, did not recommend themselves to other people in the neighbourhood. On Sunday evening, June 23, Teresa Roper and a girl called Lizzie Whittle were taking a walk in Alnwick. Defendant, amongst other things, was a motorist, and he met these two girls and invited them to go for a run in his motor-car to Alnmouth. They got into the car with defendant, the driver, and defendant's young wife, and drove off in the direction of Alnmouth. They stopped at one or two public-houses, and eventually Mrs. Lisle left the motor-car.

A Long Way Home.

Apparently she had refused to stay with her husband. Defendant thereupon told the two girls that he was going to drive them back to their home at Alnwick. He did not do so, but first took them to Morpeth. The girls did not know the district, and had no idea where they were going. Ultimately they reached Newcastle. He might say here that, in spite of all that had happened, the girl had come back, so far as her moral character was concerned, uninjured. It was, however, no fault of defendant, but the girl did manage to protect herself from him, and her parents were amply satisfied that her honour was unscathed. At Darlington he had endeavoured to take two rooms, alleging that he and Roper were man and wife, and that the driver and Lizzie Whittle were also man and wife. They immediately protested, and the two girls occupied one room that night. Next day he told them that he was not going to allow them to go home until they had been to London, and he said if they went there he would send them back by train. In London they went to a garage. In the evening he announced to Roper that he was going to send Whittle home, but that he had no intention of allowing her (Roper) to go home. During the whole of this time the girls' parents had no idea where their children were.

On the Boat.

Eventually telling her he was putting her into a train for Newcastle, he and Roper got into a train which took them to Dover. He told her that the steamer would take her up to the North, and induced her to go upon the boat for Ostend. There this girl, absolutely friendless and penniless, and not understanding a word of the language, was alone with Lisle. He took her by train to Brussels. That morning he obtained some money; he said it was £400. He then asked her if she would go with him to Paris. She insisted upon being taken home. He brought her back as far as Ostend, and at Ostend he took a single room. She managed to run away. No one would help her, and he dragged her into a little drinking shop, where he had some drink, and there he produced a revolver and started to fire the weapon. She walked about

The Streets of Ostend

till three o'clock in the morning, and at last she was compelled to go with him. By that time Lisle was pretty far gone in drink. She sat in a chair all the night, while Lisle lay in a drunken state. She was, therefore, enabled to pass the night without any serious danger or trouble. When the girl again asked for protection in the street Lisle at once drew his revolver, and the brave Belgian policeman ran away—(laughter)—so that she did not even get protection from the policeman, and Lisle said if she asked anyone else he would shoot her. She, being frightened, went with him to the hotel. On the following (Friday) morning she managed to escape. She went about Ostend from shop to shop trying to explain to somebody what her position was, but, apparently, no one believed her, and she was turned out of shop after shop until she was so exhausted and upset that she fell in a fainting fit in the street. Fortunately, someone recognised the English words she was able to speak, and took her to

The English Consul,

and she was then perfectly safe. The Vice-Consul put her in charge of a lady and gentleman at Ostend, and made her perfectly comfortable. He provided the money to send her home to her parents.—Plaintiff, a prepossessing girl of 17, added tearfully that during the journey Lisle had often produced a revolver, and said that when she got home again she was very ill. They had often, she said, asked to be sent home.—Cross-examined witness said that in London she had complained to a police officer, but received the unsympathetic reply that he "had heard those tales before from girls every day."—Rose Whittle, Miss Roper's companion on the eventful journey, said that when they reached Darlington on their way south, Lisle had been drinking heavily.—It was not ginger-beer? No, it was dry ginger.—The jury found a verdict for Roper's father with £150 damages.—A stay of execution was granted.

A FICKLE LOVER.

£250 FOR A LADY'S MAID.

HEARTLESS CONDUCT.

In the London Sheriff's Court, before Mr. Under-Sheriff Burchell and a jury, the case of Bosworth v. Gould—an action for damages for breach of promise of marriage—came on for hearing. The parties were Miss Alice Bosworth (plaintiff) and Mr. Wm. Alfred Gould (defendant).—Mr. W. Addington Willis appeared for the plaintiff, but the defendant was not present, and was not legally represented.—Counsel, in stating the case for the plaintiff, said Miss Alice Bosworth was a lady's maid of Bookham, and the defendant was a cashier in the employ of the Federal Cold Storage and Supply Co., at the Durban branch of the business. The attitude of the defendant had been heartless throughout, and he (counsel) asked for substantial damages. It appeared that the couple knew each other for some time prior to 1903. In September of that year he offered her marriage, and was accepted on the distinct understanding that the marriage should take place in Bookham Parish Church three years later. At that time the defendant was on the point of going out to South Africa in the employment of Mr. Nelson, who was interested in a large meat business and in the Federal Cold Storage and Supply Co.

"This is Pay Day."

Defendant left England in December, 1903, and went to Durban. From the time of his arrival there, up to the time the engagement was broken off, the courtship went on by means of letters, large numbers of which the defendant wrote, and all of them breathed devotion and attachment, and determination to carry out his promise as soon as he got back to England. The letters continued down to November, 1906, when, for no reason, defendant broke off the engagement. Counsel read extracts from a number of the letters, showing that the defendant led the plaintiff to believe that he was going to marry her, and get her to go out to him to marry in the event of his not being able to get home. In his first letter from Durban, defendant said:

> I suppose you do feel lonely now, my love, but you must find some company to cheer you up. You must not forget, however, who is to be your husband.

In another he said:

> This is pay day, dear, the end of the month. The manager has not yet arranged the salary, so he gave me £15 on account. P.S.—Whatever you do keep these letters very close, dear. Lock them up. (Laughter.)

A Bolt from the Blue.

On Sept. 6, 1906, there came to plaintiff, like a bolt from the blue, a letter from the defendant breaking off the engagement. Then, after that, plaintiff saw the following in the "Natal Mercury" of July 5, 1907.—

> Durban. Gould—Booth.—A very quiet and pretty wedding took place on Wednesday at Fairleigh, Halford-rd., the contracting parties being Mr. W. A. Gould, of the Federal Cold Storage and Supply Company of South Africa, eldest son of Mr. W. Gould, of Richmond, Surrey, and Miss Mildred (Milly) Booth, second daughter of Mr. H. M. Booth, of this town.

That, said counsel, closed the courtship, and plaintiff consequently brought the present action.—No evidence was given or statement made for the defence, and the jury, without leaving the box, awarded plaintiff £250 damages, judgment being entered for that amount, with costs.

JURY DISAGREE.

FARM FOREMAN INDICTED FOR SERIOUS OFFENCE.

Walter Johnson, aged 33, was charged at the Lincolnshire Assizes for indecently assaulting Margaret Jackson, aged 15, at Carrington.—Prosecutrix stated that she was engaged as servant by defendant. On July 6 his wife gave birth to a child, and witness alleged that during the night defendant entered her bedroom and committed the offence. While he was in her room his mother-in-law walked in, carrying a candle, but she went out again. Later in the same week defendant repeated his conduct.—The mother-in-law gave evidence, and admitted that she saw defendant in bed with the girl on the night that his wife was confined.—Defendant, on oath, denied the whole story. He never was in the girl's bedroom at all.—The wife was also called for the defence, and said that her mother never mentioned to her what she stated she had discovered.—In the end the jury disagreed, and defendant will therefore again be tried at the next Assizes.

BAD MEAT AND BAD CASE.

Yesterday at Stratford Police Court a butcher, Hy. Smith, of Wood-st., Walthamstow, was summoned for having 112lb. of meat on his premises intended for human consumption, which was unfit for food.—Mr. Sendall said he called at the shop, under the management of a man named Roberts, and found a top-side, loin, and flank of beef which were emaciated and dropsical, and closer examination showed tuberculosis. Roberts said he did not know the meat was bad, and when asked where he got it he said he bought it from a man who usually brought that kind of meat to the market. He added that he would do anything so long as they did not let his governor know, as he had bought it on his own to get a bit for himself. The meat was seized and condemned.—Defendant said Roberts had been placed in this shop as sole buyer and manager, and he (defendant) knew nothing of the meat until he received a letter from the sanitary inspector. He then went down, and Roberts said he was sorry. Defendant would see that this did not happen again.—The bench said it was a bad case.—Fined £20 and costs.

ROYALTY AT STREATHAM.

Yesterday the Princess of Wales, attended by Lady Forbes Trefusis, visited the British Home and Hospitals for Incurables at Streatham. Her Royal Highness accepted a bouquet from Miss Richards, who has been an inmate for over 31 years. The Princess inspected the buildings, and expressed great pleasure at the homelike arrangements made for the patients.

RUSSIAN TERROR.

ARRESTS IN THE STREETS.

EXCITING SCENES.

WOMEN WITH BOMBS AND REVOLVERS.

Thirty-five Terrorists have been arrested in various parts of St. Petersburg, says Reuter's correspondent, many in the open streets. Some showed fight, firing revolvers, and wounding their captors. A few carried bombs. Documents show that the police have laid hands on a gang which intended to perpetrate a series of outrages on highly-placed personages. The first shooting occurred in the Vassily Ostroff quarter, where a young man, finding himself followed by two detectives, fired at them with a Browning revolver, wounding one in the cheek and the other in the arm. He was overpowered and arrested.

A Desperate Girl.

About the same time, in the fashionable thoroughfare Morskaia, detectives pinioned two men, one of whom carried a Browning revolver, with reserve cartridges, and the other a powerful bomb. The latter man was identified as an Italian named Calvino, whom the police have long been watching. In Sadovaia-st. a 17-year-old girl was arrested, and taken to the police station. She went there quietly, but on arriving in the courtyard, when the police let her hands free for a moment, she drew a revolver and fired, wounding a policeman in the head. She then fled, but was overtaken and captured.

Woman With a Bomb.

Another woman, elegantly dressed, who was shadowed by detectives to Michael-square, where the French theatre is situated, began firing her revolver. Seeing that escape was hopeless, however, she tried to turn the weapon against herself, but the detectives knocked it out of her hand. Four other persons who were walking in the square fled, but one was arrested. A bomb was found on a woman when she was searched. There were many other arrests conducted under scarcely less exciting conditions. In a number of cases weapons and revolutionary correspondence and documents were seized in lodgings occupied by Terrorists. Among the houses searched was that of M. Deshkoff, a millionaire merchant, and the owner of fifty Volga steamers. Some of those arrested had only recently arrived in St. Petersburg from Moscow, Finland, and other parts. It is stated that those arrested are connected with the Terrorist organisation unearthed at Viberg some days ago.

BROTHER AND SISTER.

DISPUTE OF A FATHER'S ESTATE.

The story of a dispute between brother and sister over the estate of their father, the late Mr. John Sargeant, of Ilfracombe, who was at one time in receipt of parish relief and afterwards came into a legacy of £2,200 and died worth £1,500, was related to Mr. Justice Joyce in the Chancery Division. Plaintiff was Miss Fanny Mary Sargeant, of Keyham, Devonport, and defendant, her brother, Mr. Wm. John Sargeant, was a warehouseman in the employ of the Cardiff Railway Co. at a salary of 25s. a week.—Mr. Hildyard, for Miss Sargeant, said that the point to be tried was whether an advance made by Mr. John Sargeant of £250 to his son, defendant, Mr. W. J. Sargeant, to purchase a house at Cardiff, was a gift or a loan.

TOO BIG A SLICE.

Mr. John Sargeant had 13 children, but Miss Fanny Mary Sargeant was the only one living with him and looking after him, and he left her the whole of his estate. After his death the deeds of the house in question were found at his bank.—Defendant, Mr. W. J. Sargeant, had paid his father 4 per cent. interest on the £250, and now said the arrangement was that he should have the house when his father died.—Miss Sargeant, counsel said, considered that she should help her brothers and sisters out of the father's money, but she did not think it right to let her brother, Mr. W. J. Sargeant, have so large a share in the estate.—Justice Joyce said that Mr. W. J. Sargeant understood his father would leave him the house in his will, but he had not done so, and therefore there must be judgment for Miss Sargeant.

OFFICER'S SUICIDE.

SHOOTS HIMSELF DEAD IN BARRACKS.

An inquest was held yesterday at Lichfield on Capt. Gerald Russell Sowray, of the 1st Shropshire L.I., who shot himself at Whittington Barracks, Lichfield.—The Hon. Reginald Coventry represented the relatives. Deceased was lately transferred from the disbanded battalion of the Manchester Regiment, and had been granted a month's sick leave. In running through a door recently he hurt his head, and had since complained of pains in the head and sleeplessness. He arrived at Lichfield with his wife on Wednesday. Col. Dawkins, the officer commanding, remarked that he looked ill. Deceased said

HE FELT SEEDY.

and went to his quarters. The wife stayed with the colonel. At 10 o'clock deceased sent his servant with a note for her, but she had retired, and the note was returned to him. When "Reveille" sounded next morning he blew out his brains with a revolver as he lay in bed. The adjutant found deceased unconscious and bathed in blood. He never spoke, and died within three hours. The note sent to the wife could not be found, and deceased is supposed to have burnt it.—Verdict, suicide during temporary insanity.

FATHER AND STEP-DAUGHTER

At the Lincolnshire Assizes Frdk. Taylor, a middle-aged moulder, of Gainsborough, was found guilty of improperly assaulting his step-daughter, Amy Barbara Cuck.—Commissioner Stanger, in passing sentence of six months' hard labour, said the offence was a serious one, and was aggravated by the fact that the girl was prisoner's stepdaughter.

AUNT AND NEPHEW.

YOUTH CHARGED WITH MURDER.

SUFFOCATED IN BED.

The mysterious death, in Liverpool, of an elderly spinster named Ellen Tamberline, who lived in Everton, and who was discovered in her bed with a mattress covering her in such a manner as to arouse the gravest suspicions, has led to the arrest of Wm. Bailey, aged 19, said to be a nephew of deceased, who was brought before Mr. Stewart at Dale-st. Police Court on a charge of wilful murder. Bailey is a fairly well-dressed young fellow

WILLIAM BAILEY.

of the artisan class. He presented a rather unconcerned demeanour whilst in the dock.—Mr. Duder, who prosecuted, said prisoner and deceased lived together with other relatives at Rose Vale, Everton. At half-past four on the afternoon of the 18th inst. the woman was found dead under circumstances which indicated that there must have been murder. A handkerchief had been tied very

Tightly Round Her Neck,

and it subsequently transpired that the larynx and other parts of her throat had been smashed. Ten minutes before this discovery was made prisoner was seen standing at the door of the house, and he had a conversation with a woman neighbour. The latter passed along the street for a few yards, and then went back again. By that time prisoner had gone into the house. When the police visited the house shortly after five Bailey told them that the last time he was in the house was three o'clock. That, of course, was untrue, and it was mainly on that statement and the fact that he was present in the house whilst the woman was dead that the police arrested him.—Det.-sergt. Whitley deposed to having, in company with Det.-insp. Moore, arrested Bailey. He charged him with the wilful murder of Ellen Tamberline, and prisoner said: "Do you think I have done it?"—Prisoner was remanded.—The Liverpool coroner opened an inquest on the body of the victim, and, in adjourning the inquiry, after formal evidence, said that the case was surrounded with mystery.

SCHOONER CAPSIZES.

EIGHT LIVES LOST IN THE MERSEY.

During a squall the three-masted schooner Reginald Fisher, believed to come from Barrow, capsized in the Mersey, eight lives being lost.

During the height of the gale at Manchester a chimney stack collapsed, crashing through the roof of a restaurant doing considerable damage. Mrs. Rebecca Segel, wife of the proprietor, was struck by some of the débris, and killed. The floors were also wrecked.

Humber Lightship Sunk.

During a terrific gale the Middle Lightship, stationed off Grimsby in the Humber, was run into and sunk. The crew were rescued amid much excitement by a steam trawler. The lightship is completely submerged.

A BAD SHOT.

WIFE THROWS CUP AND CHAIR AT HUSBAND AND IS DIVORCED.

Lord Guthrie in Edinburgh Court of Session yesterday granted a divorce to Louis Algernon Charles, of Arthur-st., Edinburgh, from his wife, Christiana Jane Stewart, of Charles.

Plaintiff said he was married in 1897, and lived happily until 1904, in the latter year, his wife began to be discontented, she cried one morning and told witness that she had transferred her affections to another man, and had been unfaithful. He did not suspect then what he now knew, she was in the habit of receiving

FRIENDLY LETTERS

from the man, but there was nothing in those witness saw, to which objection could be taken. Witness understood that this man was married, one morning she tried to snatch a letter which he found in the bedroom, but she did not succeed. She flung a cup at him, but he was not struck. On another occassion she flung a chair at him, but that also missed him. Witness found on his return home in February, 1907, a note telling him that it would be a surprise to him to hear that she had gone. He had been informed that she had left for Canada with the man in question.

COAL PORTER'S HAUL.

Three months' imprisonment was imposed yesterday at Marylebone on Chas. Lord, 27, a coal porter, of Hereford-st., for stealing a horse, harness, van, and two tons of coal, worth £50, belonging to Arthur Oates, coal merchant.—Prisoner was engaged temporarily at the Carlisle-st. wharf of the Great Central Railway. During the absence of a carman accused took a van laden with two tons of coal out of the wharf. The van was subsequently found empty near Maida Hill.

CAPTAIN'S LONELY DEATH.

Death from natural causes was the jury's verdict at an inquest held yesterday by Mr. Troutbeck on Wm. Blanchard, 59, of Morpeth Mansions, Victoria-st. Deceased was a retired captain of the mercantile marine, and had spent 40 years in China, where he had suffered from malaria. On Thursday he was found dead in his flat, where he lived alone. Death was shown to be due to heart disease, accelerated by excessive alcoholism.

NAVAL AND MILITARY.

To-day Col. Carter will give up command of the 1st Batn. Essex Regt. and will be succeeded by [illegible], second in command of the 2nd Bn., and who served with distinction in the South African war.

Yesterday Lieut. [illegible], who was lately promoted to a commission from Qrmr.-sergt., took over the appointment of Quartermaster of the 1st Batn. Royal Berkshire Regt. [illegible]

To-morrow [illegible] Middlesex Regt. [illegible] will be succeeded by Maj. [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] West Yorkshire Regt. and will be succeeded by Maj. H. O'Donnell, second in command of the Corps, and who joined the West Yorkshire Regt. in May, 1882.

Yesterday Maj. G. V. Yates took over command of the Forfar and Kincardine Royal Garrison Artillery Militia, in succession to Lieut.-col. the Hon. C. M. Ramsay, who has retired after being at the head of the Corps since December, 1906.

To-morrow Col. McKill gives up command of the 2nd Batn. [illegible] Regt. on completing [illegible] service [illegible] will be succeeded by Maj. [illegible], who has of late been serving at the depot of the regiment.

Yesterday Major Foster [illegible] West Yorkshire Volunteer Heavy Artillery at Bradford, and he replaces Col. Armitage, who has left the service after commanding the corps since December, [illegible]

The following appointments were notified at the Admiralty yesterday:—[illegible] W. T. B. Law to Victory for R.N. Barracks, addl., to date Feb. [illegible] W. W. Hallwright to [illegible] [illegible] to Donegal, to date Feb. [illegible] Dockyard, [illegible] Engineer [illegible] to Hecla for Brazen, [illegible] Naval Instructor F. H. Batchelor, B.A., to President, addl., for course of instruction [illegible], to date Feb. 20. [illegible] to be Secretary to [illegible] Commander-in-Chief, Portsmouth, to date March 25. [illegible] W. H. F. Warren to Commonwealth, addl., for 12 months' training as Acting-lieutenant, to date Feb. 22. Assistant paymasters C. A. Ward, W. Lindsay, H. M. Baker, [illegible] all to Victory, addl., as Secretary's Clerks to Admiral Sir A. D. Fanshawe, to date March [illegible]. Surgeon W. G. Edwards to Vivid, addl., to be lent for Plymouth Hospital, to date Feb. 26. Midshipman J. W. G. Dalgleish to New Zealand, to date Feb. 18.

Cancellation.—Engineer-lieut. J. A. Owen, appointment to Ocean has been cancelled.

LATEST SHIPPING NEWS.

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[illegible] Gravesend, [illegible] & Co.
[illegible] Wilkinson (s), [illegible] and Angerstein's Whf., J. McDowall & Co.
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City of Perth (s), Antwerp, M.D., Westcott and Lawrence Line.
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CONCOCTED LOVE LETTERS.

AMAZING STORY IN DRUCE PERJURY CASE.

"I CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT YOUR PRESENCE."

SENSATIONAL ALLEGATIONS AGAINST "MISS" ROBINSON.

Amazing evidence was given in the perjury charge against "Miss" Robinson, the famous Druce "diarist."

Certain love letters which "Miss" Robinson said were written to her by the late Duke were read in court.

THE EVIDENCE.

The resumed hearing of the charge of perjury against Miss Mary Robinson, [illegible] Mrs. Mary Ann Robinson, the famous Druce witness, took place at Bow-st., before Sir A. De Rutzen. Sir Charles Mathews appeared for the prosecution. Chief-Insp. Dew then produced [illegible] birth and marriage certificates, and the birth certificate [illegible]. She was born at [illegible] Wandsworth, on May 2[illegible], 1841, the [illegible] Webb was described as a [illegible] constable. When Miss Rob[illegible] or Miss Webb married Wm. Robinson, a [illegible] at Leeds, on M[illegible] 17, 1863, her father was described as [illegible].

A Letter to Mr. Druce.

Witness said he found at defendant's flat a draft letter dated Nov. 27, 1906 [illegible]

[illegible] I knew Mr. Druce personally when a girl through my mother and aunt in 18[illegible]. In 1868 I again met Mr. Druce as Duke of Portland in company with Mr. Charles Dickens the novelist, in Sherwood Forest, Welbeck Abbey, and remembered him well.

The inspector also found a typewritten letter, unsigned, dated on Jan. 11, 1907, from the then London Wall office of G. H. Druce (Ltd.), addressed to Mrs. Robinson, of Rironi, Fallsgrave-rd., Sydenham, Christchurch, N.Z. It began:—

Dear Madam,—I am greatly pleased on receipt of your letter of Nov. 27 last, and realise to the utmost the importance of the matter in hand.

It is quite untrue, and there is no foundation whatever for the statement that the case has been settled financially or in any other way. . . . We know nothing of any suggested settlement, so I tell you distinctly that the case is proceeding, and will be in the courts, it is hoped, at an early date.

The letter went on that she could hardly fail to appreciate how vital it is to the interests of the claimant "that you should personally attend in England."

"Any Expenses."

You may rest assured that any expenses which may be involved in making the journey, either in passage money or the relinquishment of any employment, or disturbance of your domestic or household arrangements or affairs will be liberally compensated for in return for an undertaking to take such a journey.

If you are required to remain in London for a time your convenience will be considered.

The letter stated that the writer had cabled to her, and added:—

I put my appeal to you on higher ground than that of personal interest in the claim. The fact that the Druce-Portland claim has long ceased to be a matter of personal concern, and has become a subject of such public interest, and involving so many individuals in one way or the other, that I am sure you will regard the matter as one of abstract justice.

Cables to Miss Robinson.

Insp. Dew also found a cablegram dated London, Jan. 10, 1907, received in Christchurch, N.Z., next day:—

What amount money required pay all necessary expenses if you can come home as soon as possible. Wire date departure and steamer. Case now proceeding.—GEORGE HOLLAMBY DRUCE.

The next cablegram produced was as follows:—

Jan. 31, [illegible]. Received your letter last mail to the satisfaction of all concerned. All papers connected with that evidence absolutely important. You must maintain absolute secrecy. Everything relating to subject referred. Take every possible care books and papers.—COBURN.

Another cable was sent from London to Monte Video, on March 4, 1907:—

Mary Robinson, passenger ss. Rimutaka. Will meet you at Plymouth and give you my card. Take no notice of anyone.—GEO. DRUCE.

A telegram was dated London, March 28, to Plymouth to Miss Robinson:—

Am sorry unable to meet you as promised. My solicitor, Mr. Kimber, will do so with Mr. Coburn, who will present you my card. Hope the documents quite safe and remain your custody.—DRUCE.

The Dickens' Letters.

The next was a letter from Mr. E. Kimber, May 7, 1907, addressed to defendant in Talbot-rd., Bayswater. This told her that the steamship company had applied to have her action against them for the theft of the Charles Dickens letters on the s.s. Rimutaka advanced to speedy trial, and adding:—

In one aspect of the case this would be advantageous, in another it would be disadvantageous, unless we can get out of them the grounds of their defence, which it may be possible to do.

However, I will speak to you about this thing when I have an opportunity of speaking to you.

There were a number of receipts for prisoner's maintenance, showing that she received £3 19s. per week for maintenance up to the end of December, 1907. A letter was found from Mr. Kimber to Messrs. Oswald Smith and Hanson, defendant's personal solicitors:—

Dear Sir, I duly received yours of the 21st inst. I will request that a cheque be sent to Miss Robinson at once. Will you be good enough to remind her that she has not answered several of my letters, especially the last, in which I told her the importance of getting [illegible] brooch and ring valued by a [illegible] for the purpose of [illegible]. Yours faithfully, E. KIMBER.

Mr. Avory had said that the brooch was a twopenny halfpenny one.

"Notes of a Diary."

There were also found in the flat notes of a sort of diary which Miss Robinson kept in New Zealand:—

Feb. 4. Received large parcel [illegible] two booklets of the same firm.

Feb. [illegible] Go to Mr. Harper, and deliver [illegible] the letter and booklets, also copy of letter and journal. Want to know whether money was sent. [illegible] Harper looked very much worried, as though he had had a fright.

Witness found three copies of the Druce-Portland pamphlet, which Sir Charles suggested were the booklets referred to in the diary. Witness also found a copy of "The Idler" article on the fifth Duke of Portland, "By One Who Knew Him," and the following interesting material:—

Sisson's penny Illustrated Guide to the Dukeries, [illegible] in an envelope addressed to prisoner, with the post mark Oct. [illegible], 1907.

A small engraving taken from a book on Gad's Hill [illegible], Charles Dickens' country house.

[illegible] "Handbook for Worksop" for 1906. This contained a chapter on "Notabilia," giving dates of all the principal events in the history of Worksop, most of them being ticked with a lead pencil.

A book of views of the Dukeries.

MRS. OR "MISS" ROBINSON.

The Movements of Dickens.

A set of pictorial postcards of Worksop and the neighbourhood.

A memorandum in prisoner's handwriting on the geographical positions of Colombo, and its history.

[It was in Colombo that prisoner stated that Miss Maud O'Neill was born.]

An original letter posted in Worksop on Aug. 10, 1842, addressed to W. Gadsby, Welbeck, and signed "Titchfield."

Two newspaper cuttings relating to the case.

Notes apparently of Charles Dickens' movements in Boston, November, 1867, his second visit, his arrival in England with improved health, and his death.

Memorandum in defendant's hand: "If proof are sent me I can say they are both of the same man (one in dis[illegible] the other not). The eyes and forehead are the same."

Next, a very remarkable memorandum, which witness said he had seen before and believed it to be in the handwriting of Mr. Kimber:—

Miss Robinson was not surprised at what Mr. Dickens told her in Hyde Park, because she said she heard a great many things from the workmen. What were these things? Anything about "Resurrection," or something else?

Another letter from Mr. Kimber was found at the flat:—

Dear Miss Robinson,—Would you like to give some of your reminiscences of Charles Dickens to the publishers, Messrs. George Newnes?

If so I would give them your address. I should not like to do so without communicating with you. It might do you good.

Both Sir George and Lady Newnes have been in court on the bench and I have reason to believe that they sympathise with you and the case. They are friends of my two daughters.—Yours faithfully, E. KIMBER.

Another "Fifth Duke" Story.

Witness also found several proofs of defendant's evidence to be given.—Sir Chas. Mathews: Did you find it recorded in that proof that the prisoner had been the mistress of the fifth Duke of Portland? Yes.—In defendant's handwriting were found copies of "letters from the Duke of Portland and Mr. Dickens." She had admitted that the Duke's letters were concoctions, but she persisted that she had the original from Charles Dickens. The first of the letters (purporting to be from the fifth Duke) was as follows:—

My dearest Mary,—I remembered this—that though you were not the wife of mine, you are the joy of my life. You are the most dear of all my friends. You possess what I most appreciate in women—sweetness and cheerfulness, mixed with gravity of manner. For your study I recommend some of the most useful parts of mathematics. . . .

So farewell my dearest from your affectionate and dearest friend.

JOHN CAVENDISH SCOTT BENTINCK.

Welbeck Abbey, 1874.

"Remain Where You Are."

The next "letter" read in court was as follows:—

You will see me in Richmond some of these fine mornings. I feel lost here alone. I can't live without your presence. The small box is in the neighbourhood of Worksop. Therefore you must remain where you are at present.—Your most affectionate friend,

JOHN CAVENDISH SCOTT BENTINCK.

Dearest Mary,—I shall see you in the course of a few days, so be prepared. I can't stay away any longer.—Your affectionate and ever loving friend,

JOHN BENTINCK.

Feb., 1870.

Mr. Dickens's letter was read out as follows:—

Dear Mary,—You will be watched. Every word you say will be weighed in the balance against you. You must be tight-fisted and hard as a grindstone, and then you will succeed in throwing them off now. If you act in this manner you will be the means of saving a good deal of trouble to "Resurrection."

You may thank God there are no Mrs. [illegible] [illegible]

Another Remand.

Sir Charles Mathews pointed out that in the prisoner's evidence her first meeting with the Druce-Duke was stated to be at the Star and Garter, Richmond. In her evidence it was Tunbridge Wells. Two letters were found from Mr. Percy Allen, an American lawyer, who was acting [illegible] on behalf of Mr. Caldwell. In these Mr. Percy Allen sent Mr. Robinson a copy of her former diary, which he assured her had been accurately copied. He strongly advised her to have the original placed in a safe deposit.

[illegible]

On November, 1907, he wrote stating that he would call next day to conduct her to the police court. At this stage prisoner was remanded. She stated that she did not desire to say anything at present.

ROBERT CALDWELL.

PROTEST BY THE EXTRADITION COURT.

"Where is Caldwell?" demanded Mr. Commissioner Alexander, in the United States Extradition Court, when Mr. Fox, counsel for the British Consul-General, renewed his application for the production of the world-famous affidaviteer. Caldwell was committed last Saturday to the lunatic asylum of New York State by Judge Clark, of the District Court, on the evidence of a medical affidavit, alleging that the man is paranoic, and early this week he was conveyed in an ambulance to the said asylum. All the newspapers published here recorded the removal, and more than one hinted (says "The Telegraph" correspondent) that a mere smart attorney acting for Caldwell had taken the wind out of the sails of the combined Governments of Great Britain and the United States.—Mr. Cabell, counsel for Caldwell's family, replied weakly to Mr. Alexander's question, adding, "I told you about Caldwell the other day. He is in an asylum." Mr. Alexander retaliated somewhat hotly that officially he knew nothing of

Caldwell's Commitment,

and he added sententiously, "Henceforth I won't release any more extradition prisoners on bail."—Mr. Fox said he had maintained the wisdom of that view from the start, and had strongly opposed the release of Caldwell on bail.—The Commissioner: I have been kept in the dark. The first announcement of Caldwell's commitment to an asylum I read in the newspapers. What do you suggest, Mr. Fox? Mr. Fox: I suggest an adjournment for two weeks, by which time the hospital authorities must determine whether or not Caldwell is actually in the condition of mind alleged by the affidavits presented to the court.—Mr. Cabell: Caldwell is now in the observation ward of the hospital.—Mr. Fox (continuing): If it turns out Caldwell is not in such a paranoic state as is represented, and likely to be discharged from the asylum, then the British Consul-General will be able to proceed with his

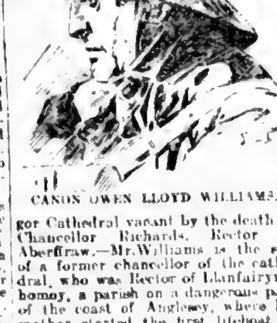
Demand for Extradition.

For six weeks we have been held up by certificates regarding Caldwell's physical unfitness, but it was only at the last sitting of the court that a single word was breathed about mental unfitness. It is a legal point whether Judge Clark is empowered to commit this man, who was in theory, if not in fact, in the custody of the Extradition Court, and if we can establish that Judge Clark acted ultra vires, then Judge Clark doubtless would vacate his order.—Mr. Courtenay Bennett protested that the action of the District Judge was discourteous to say the least, discourteous to the Extradition Court and to others.—The Commissioner: I agree. It was extraordinary, and, I believe, unprecedented.—He then adjourned the case for a fortnight to receive a report from the asylum regarding Caldwell's state of mind.

PARSON AND HERO.

A RECTOR WHO COMMANDED THE LOCAL LIFEBOAT.

The Bishop of Bangor has appointed the Rev. Owen Lloyd Williams, Rector of Llanrhyddlad, to the Canonry and Chancellorship of Bangor Cathedral vacant by the death of Chancellor Richards, Rector of Aberffraw.—Mr. Williams is the son of a former chancellor of the cathedral, who was Rector of Llanfairyngornwy, a parish on a dangerous part of the coast of Anglesey, where his mother started the first lifeboat in North Wales. Mr. Williams' ministrations have always been in parishes near the seaside, and he commanded the local lifeboat until he was compelled by old age to retire.



CANON OWEN LLOYD WILLIAMS.

SOME NOTABLE RESCUES.

In 1854, for example, he went out on a pitch-dark night in a gale of wind on the coast of Anglesey and saved 24 lives. Again he ventured out in December, 1862, on the Carnarvonshire coast, and brought home 21 men. In 1870, on a dark night, in a heavy sea, he rescued the crew of the Kenilworth, for which he received the silver medal of the Lifeboat Institution. Again, he was out for 24 hours, standing by the Dusty Miller till a tug came and dragged her off St. Patrick's Causeway. For this he received a second service clasp and a pair of silver-mounted binoculars. He has also received other presentations, notably a gold watch and chain from the whole body of mariners on the Welsh coasts for his exertions in saving the lives of so many seafarers.

M.P. AND THE MINER.

WEARY WILLIE AND TIRED TIM.

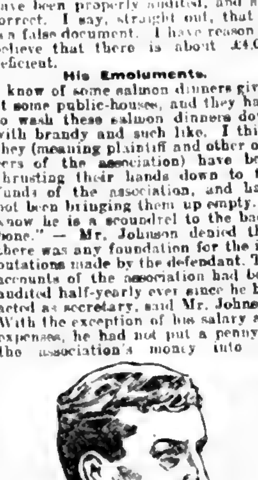
ACTION FOR SLANDER.

In the King's Bench Division, before Justice Bucknill, Mr. W. Johnson, M.P. for Nuneaton, sued Patrick McNicholas, miner, for damages for alleged slander. The defence was that the words complained of did not bear the meaning which had been put upon them, and, taken in their natural meaning, they were true in substance and in fact, and were fair and honest criticism. It was stated by Mr. Shearman, K.C., who appeared for Mr. Johnson, that plaintiff had been secretary of the Warwickshire Miners' Association since 1885, and the defendant was a member of the Newdigate Lodge of the association.—According to counsel, the remarks of defendant which were complained of included:—"Mr. Johnson is quite willing to be our servant so long as he has charge of the cash-box. He and Jacques (a member of the executive) I call Weary Willy and Tired Tim. The balance-sheet of the Warwickshire Miners' Association from July 1 to Dec. 31 states that the books have been properly audited, and are correct. I say, straight out, that it is a false document. I have reason to believe that there is about £4,000 deficient.

MR. WILLIAM JOHNSON, M.P., PLAINTIFF.

His Emoluments.

I know of some salmon dinners given at some public-houses, and they have to wash these salmon dinners down with brandy and such like. I think they (meaning plaintiff and other officers of the association) have been thrusting their hands down to the funds of the association, and have not been bringing them up empty. I know he is a scoundrel to the backbone."—Mr. Johnson denied that there was any foundation for the imputations made by the defendant. The accounts of the association had been audited half-yearly ever since he had acted as secretary, said Mr. Johnson. With the exception of his salary and expenses, he had not put a penny of the association's money into his pocket. He received £3 10s. a week from the association, £1 10s. a week from the Permanent Relief Society, and £350 a year from the Miners' Federation of Great Britain. The balance-sheet attacked was perfectly accurate.



MR. PATRICK McNICHOLAS, DEFENDANT.

Any Stick Good Enough.

Mr. Vachell, K.C., for the defence: It is in respect of damage to your personal character that you are bringing this action? Yes.—Solely? I won't say that. I also bring the action on behalf of the association and other people.—That being so how is it that you are bringing this action at the expense of the miners? Because they guaranteed the expenses.—There is no doubt that you are in a position to bring this action yourself? I do not throw money away.—Mr. Johnson added that he complained of defendant's statement that he (plaintiff) was against chartered accountants because it was not a fair statement. There might have been complaints about alleged irregularities, but not by members. They were made by outside persons who were not interested in the lodges, and who ought to have known better. He was a public man, and had been attacked. Any stick was good enough to thrash him with.—The hearing was adjourned.

ROBBING THE DEAD.

BLACKGUARD SENT TO PRISON FOR "DASTARDLY ACT."

The case of the man who stole a diamond scarfpin from the body of a motor-'bus victim in Fleet-st. came up at the Mansion House.—Mr. H. Garner, steward of the Press Club, was killed, and Herbt. Allen helped to remove the body. Soon afterwards the pin was missed, and it was found that Allen had pawned it for 30s. Afterwards he called on the widow in Gloucester-st., S.W., with the pawn-ticket, and offered it to her daughter on condition that he was paid something for it.—"This was a dastardly act," was the remark of the Lord Mayor, who sent prisoner to six months' hard labour.

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DISCORD IN A FLAT.

TOO MUCH PIANO PLAYING.

A LADY'S COMPLAINT.

Before Justice A. T. Lawrence, in the King's Bench Division, Mrs. Luna Lyons, known on the music hall stage as Miss Sylvia Du Barry, wife of Mr. Jacob Walter Lyons, asked for an injunction against Mr. E. J. Clayton and the Electric Theatres (Ltd.), restraining them from causing an alleged nuisance at premises situated at Pereira-mansions, Shepherd's Bush, so as to interfere with her enjoyment of a flat she occupies.—Defendants denied that the nuisance was of an actionable character.—According to Mr. Cannot, plaintiff's counsel, the nuisance objected to was the performances at the Electric Theatre going on from one in the day until a late hour.—The plaintiff said the entertainment started in the early afternoon with piano playing. After finishing at the piano the man went to the door to invite passers-by to enter. "It might be called piano-playing," continued the lady, "but it was like the five-finger exercise." (Laughter.) She also complained of such tunes as the "Washington Post" and "The Turkish Patrol" being played all day. The plaintiff implied that another disturbing factor was the merriment of the people when they saw amusing pictures.

Quite Correct.

—Mr. Spencer Bower, K.C., cross-examining: You are a very popular music hall artist?—Plaintiff: I have been on the variety stage for a very short time.—But you are very popular? Plaintiff (modestly): It would not do for me to say so.—Do not repudiate my humble little attempts at a compliment. (Laughter.) You are well-known in the provinces under the very pretty name of Sylvia du Barry?—Plaintiff (smilingly): That is correct, sir.—You are accustomed to noises? Not of that description.—Is there not a butcher's shop there, at which the man cries out, "Buy, buy, buy?" Did you not hear those noises on Saturday night?—Plaintiff: I did sometimes; they did disturb me, but they were not so incessant.—Mr. Lyons, husband of the plaintiff, characterised the noises as abominable.

MRS. LUNA LYONS, THE PLAINTIFF.

Natural Diffidence.

Mr. Bower, for the defence, said that his case was that the plaintiff was not entitled to expect a higher standard of comfort than existed in the neighbourhood and in the building at the time she went there.—Mr. Jno. Wm. Jackson, a director and general manager of the Electric Theatres Ltd., who spoke with an American accent, said he could not see that the pianoforte playing annoyed anybody. The day following the complaint he had the soft pedal put on the instrument. The audiences were of the "family class," and there was no rowdyism.—Cross-examined by Mr. Cannot, the plaintiff's counsel, Mr. Jackson admitted that he had had to go amongst the audience and demand less noise. He was blessed with a very good voice—(laughter)—but he did not think it could be heard in the flat.—Mr. Cannot asked the witness why he had not visited the plaintiff's flat to ascertain the justice of her complaints. "You do not like to meet a person with whom you have an action more than you can help," replied Mr. Jackson, amidst laughter.

Judicial "Deadhead."

—Mr. Jackson invited his lordship to visit the building and see the entertainment for himself. "I say that seriously," said he. "If my lord will only go there, and he considers it a nuisance, I will abide by what he says, and be pleased to do so."—Mr. Spencer Bower (for defendant): It should be a surprise visit. (Laughter.) Perhaps your lordship would go first to the entertainment?—Mr. Cannot: We must have the piano played by hand and by electricity.—A few minutes later his lordship announced that he would consider Mr. Jackson's invitation.—Mr. Jackson: I shall be very pleased to have you. (Laughter.)—Further evidence was then given on behalf of defendant.—His lordship reserved judgment.

A LABOUR NEWSPAPER.

Thursday was the last day for sending in names of delegates for the conference to be held at Caxton Hall in the ensuing week to consider the question of establishing a Labour daily paper. Up to the present 45 trade unions have intimated their intention to be represented at the conference, and these unions will send in all 83 delegates, on behalf of about half a million members. The largest union represented is the Amalgamated Federation of Weavers, with a membership of 113,000, and among the others are the following:—Steel Smelters (15,450), Boot and Shoe Operatives (25,000), Shipwrights (20,000), Gasworkers (39,000), Shop Assistants (22,000), Cotton Spinners (22,000), Typographical Association (19,000), Amalgamated Carpenters (54,000), Postmen (34,000), and Boilermakers (53,000). It has been decided that the conference shall be private, and that the representatives of the Press shall not be admitted.

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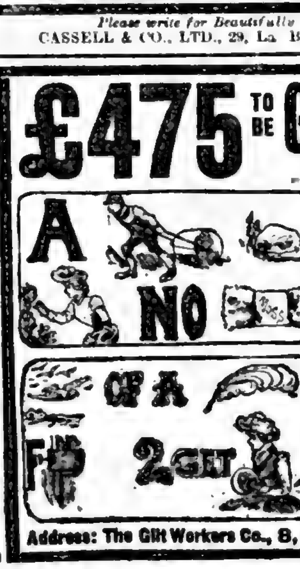

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"IN THE SWIM."

BY A CITY SHARK.

Saturday Afternoon.

DEPRESSION.

There have been few duller weeks on the Stock Exchange than this has been. Every market has been depressed, Home Rails and Mines being probably the greatest sufferers from absence of business. For the first time for some months international politics have had to be reckoned with. In the early days of the week news came through to the effect that trouble between Russia and Turkey might arise over the Danube-Adriatic Railway, and it was reported that Russia for some time past had been making dispositions of troops on her frontier. The Stock Exchange, which never appears capable of seeing the silver lining to any cloud, jumped at the information, and solemnly made up its mind for war. As I write, it is becoming apparent that war is a very remote possibility indeed, and the feeling in the House is just a shade better. The engineers' strike has also not helped; but the public should remember that bad trade in the country means good business on the Stock Exchange, and transactions will gradually broaden out and prices go better, if brokers will only endeavour to get rid of the fit of blue funk which at present appears to hold them in thrall.

THE CANADIAN LOAN.

That the investor has plenty of money available, and is willing to put it up for what he fancies, is shown by the success which has attended the issue of the Canadian Loan for £3,000,000. The rate of interest is small for a Colonial security, viz., 3½ per cent., but, this notwithstanding, the bonds have been well taken at par, and a small premium has been established. Some other issues of the week have not gone off so well; but in these instances the public taste can hardly be said to have been skilfully catered for.

HOME RAILS.

The engineering strike has been a deterrent factor in this department, and the bears have taken advantage of it to some extent. I do not believe, however, that bear selling has been on anything like a big scale, as the home railway market, owing to the wideness of prices and the small number of transactions, does not lend itself to operations of this kind. A big bear account in Home Rails would be the best thing that could happen for the bulls, but the professionals know well enough the difficulty which may arise when they wish to cover, and therefore their transactions are inconsiderable. Although one might have expected Great Northerns and North Easterns to suffer most, they have, oddly enough, improved a little since the strike was announced.

COMPROMISE LOOKED FOR.

In some quarters it is believed that the trouble will not be of long duration, and that compromise is certain. Railway traffics during the week have not been good. The Scotch lines have even done badly, the Caledonian and North British having big decreases to show. The position is briefly this—that the bulls for the moment do not see anything to go for, and that the bears are afraid to operate on account of the limited nature of the market. In these circumstances we get stagnation.

SPECULATING ON MARGIN.

Readers sometimes ask me if there is any way of dealing in the markets other than by carrying stock over on the ordinary contago basis with a broker. There is option-dealing, of course, and there is operating on banker's margin. For a cash payment of 15 or 20 per cent. of the market value, a banker is generally willing enough to purchase securities for a customer, charging him ½ or 1 per cent. above bank rate. The percentage of 15 or 20 paid to the banker represents part purchase price of the security. The stock is actually bought and goes into the names of the bank's nominees, who are usually head office managers or directors. In home rails, Americans, Canadians, and industrials a good deal is done on banker's margin. Of course, if the stock falls by the amount of the 15 or 20 per cent. margin, that has to be made good again by the customer, or the bank's nominees will sell the stock. It is rarely that bankers will finance a deal in mining shares, unless the company is a first-class one and a regular dividend-payer. Highly speculative mining shares can only be gambled in on contango in the market through a broker, who will protect himself by a demand for a large or small margin according to the extent of his acquaintance with his customer's means of meeting a loss.

OMNIBUS AMALGAMATION.

The industrial department has provided some little business since I last wrote. Anglo-American Telegraphs, which I believe are destined to a great recovery, have picked up a trifle. They will not run away, however, and there is plenty of time to buy them at or about 14 or 15. The talk as to an amalgamation between the London General Omnibus Co. and the Vanguard Co. still goes on. It is asserted that a circular giving the terms of the arrangement will be sent out immediately. It would almost appear from the movement in prices that both companies would have to sacrifice a good deal, because omnibus stock has fallen, and so have all the Vanguard issues.

IRON AND STEEL SHARES.

It would be unreasonable to expect iron and steel shares to be good in view of what is happening in the North, so that there are many small declines to chronicle. However, the trouble will be got over in due course, so that it would not be a bad thing for those who are already holders of the best shares in this section to average as prices fall. I hear well of Champion and Slee's trading year. On former figures the company ought to be able to pay a 10 per cent. dividend. If it does, needless to say the shares will have a sharp rise from their present price of about par. The movement in brewery securities seems over. All the best known debentures are lower.

ARGENTINE CROPS.

The Argentine maize crop has so much to say to Argentine railway traffics that holders of these stocks are not unnaturally scanning with interest the news which comes to hand bearing upon the outlook. Cutting will not commence for another month at least, and until it does one cannot form any definite opinion as to the goodness or badness of the crop. If the maize turns out as well as the bulls hope the large traffic increases may very easily continue until the end of 1908. Argentines have been duller than usual this week, but they have had a good innings and can well afford to take a rest.

CORDOBA CENTRAL FINANCES.

The Cordoba Central scheme of financial management has been made public. The four per cent. debenture stocks of the Central Northern and North-West Argentine will be exchanged for the new four per cent. consolidated debenture stock. The new debenture stock will amount to three millions, holders of the old stocks being given £2,300,000 of it, and the remainder reserved for capital purposes. In addition £600,000 second debentures are to be created, ranking in priority to the income debentures, and £600,000 in new ordinary shares. It is not proposed to issue this year more than £150,000 of the second debentures, nor more than £240,000 of the new ordinary capital. The scheme certainly simplifies the company's finances, which were of a complex character. The market does not appear to like it, however, as Cordoba Central Incomes have been flat ever since the announcement.

THE CHARTERED ISSUE.

The Chartered announcement was not unexpected; for long it has been apparent that the company was pressed for money, and would have to devise a scheme for raising fresh capital. The Board's proposal is now before the shareholders. One million new shares are offered at par, viz., £1, and for each share taken the subscriber will have the right to call one other share at par at any time before March 31, 1910, and still another share at par at any time before March 31, 1912. Of course, this means a rather good thing for shareholders, assuming that the price goes over £1; but, with two million shares on tap as soon as par is reached, I cannot, personally, see the price going beyond that. If it does go beyond £1, the increase in the company's capital amounts not merely to a million (the total of the present issue) but to three millions, including the two million shares which are created for the purpose of being called by present subscribers. Such an increase means, of course, a proportionate strain on the company's dividend-earning capacity, whatever that may eventually be found to amount to. However, Chartereds have rather improved on the directors' proposals.

ABOUT PREMIUM BONDS.

Messrs. N. Keizer and Co., of 29, Threadneedle-st., E.C., have relieved me of a great deal of labour by replying personally to each reader of "The People" who has communicated with them, on my suggestion. Each correspondent now knows the state of his bond or bonds, and will, no doubt, adopt the course which the information supplied makes it appear desirable that he should adopt. In those cases in which instalments are being paid, buyers are in every case paying a great deal more than the market value of the bond. The instalment customers, I notice, are mostly persons of very limited means indeed, who have gone blindly into the arrangement without any certainty that they would be able to keep up payments. In some instances the instalment firms have made concessions in point of time, but these, I am afraid, will not prove very helpful. I have to repeat that premium bonds, if bought at all, should only be bought for cash through firms whose standing is known to be of the very highest kind. I am pleased to think that I have so far been able to prevent several hundreds of my readers from dealing with firms whose reputation either is not very good, or who are charging too much, or who are people with a bad record masquerading under attractive styles and titles. Of the latter more will infallibly be heard ere we are much older. The police are now taking a lively interest in this matter of premium bonds, and as it has been suggested to me I can best promote that interest by a discreet silence, I leave the question alone for the present.

THE KAFFIR MARKET.

Kaffirs are in rather better shape, partly as a consequence of the recent hammering. A weak account goes into strong hands, and that is all to the good. Tasmanian Consols are stated to be directly responsible for the trouble, and some confirmation of this view is to be found in the fall in the price from 11s. to 5s. The bears of East Rands, who have grown and multiplied ever since the amalgamation scheme first began to be discussed, have now apparently taken it into their heads to cover. East Rands at one time used to be a very dangerous market for bears to take liberties with, and history may quite conceivably repeat itself if discretion be not exercised. A few orders for Kaffir specialities are coming to hand from Paris and the Cape. A great consolidation of silent West African properties is talked of. One may hear more of it in the course of a week or two.

NUNDYDROOG DIVIDEND.

The balance dividend of the Nundydroog Gold Mining Co. makes a total return to shareholders for 1907 of 3s. 6d. per share, or 2d. less than in 1906. It is evident that the directors of these Indian mining companies are adopting a more cautious policy. In view of the failure of the Ooregum issue last year, it is perhaps as well that the boards are abandoning their plan of dividing profits up to the hilt. The Mysore has also reduced its final dividend.

STOCK MARKET.

City, Saturday.

Consols improved. Foreign Government securities inactive. Home Rails dull. Americans inactive. Canadians neglected. Kaffirs good in tone. West Africans steady. West Australians improved. Miscellaneous steady. Closing prices:—Consols, 87⅛ ¼; Ditto Account, 87¼ ⅜; Two-and-a-Half per Cent., 85⅞ 6⅛.

BRITISH RAILWAYS.

Brighton ..	104	6	G. Western	119¾	20¼
Do. Def. ..	79¾	¾	Hull and Barnsley	46¾	7¼
Caledonian	88¾	9¾	Lan.&Yor.	91	2
Do. Pref. ..	6¾	7¾	Metrop'ltn	37¾	¾
Cent. Lon.	64	7	Do.District	10¾	11¼
Chat'mOrd.	11¾	¾	Mid'andPf.	64	¾
Do. Pref. ...	71	3	Do. Def.	5½	60¼
Do.2ndPref	34	6	N. British.	29¾	¾
City&S.Ln.	38	40	Do. Pref.	66	7
E. London	2¾	3	N.-Eastern	137¾	8¼
G.Cen.Def.	12¾	¾	N.-Western	140¾	1¼
Gt.Eastern	63¾	4¼	S.-East. A.	35	¾
Gt.N'thnA.	43¾	4¼	S.-Western	133	41
Do. Def. ...	46¾	¾	Do. Def.	42¾	3
Do. Pref. ...	97¾	8¼			

FOREIGN BONDS.

Argen. 1886	101¼	2¼	Germ 3p.C.	82	3
Buenos A. Water ...	100½	1	Greek 1881.	48	9
Brazin 1889	84¾	5	Hun.4's1881	93¾	4¾
Do. 1895	94¾	5¾	Italn. 5p.C.	102	3
Do. Minas.	97½	¾	Japan 5p.C.	98	¾
Chilian 886	8¾	¾	Mex'n 5p.C.	102	3
Do. 1893	87¾	8¾	Peru. Cor..	5½	¾
Do. 1896	95	6	Do. Pref. ..	32¾	3¼
Chinese1896	103¼	¾	Do. Deb. ..	99	100
Do. 4½ p.C.	98¼	¾	Port. New.	63	¼
Egypt. Un.	102	¾	Russ. 4p.C.	8¼	4
Do. Scrip	98	9	Span. 4p.C.	93	¼
French 3 p. Cent	95	7	Turk. 1891.	103¾	1¾
			Do. 1894..	98	8
			Urug'ays3½	68¾	9¾

UNITED STATES RAILWAYS

Atchison	70	¾	N.Y.&Ont.	30¾	¾
Do. Pref.	86	7	N'rfik.&W. Pref.	81	5
Balt &Ohio	8¾	2	Do. Com.	61¾	2¼
Chic.Mil.& St. Paul.	111¾	12¼	Pen sylvna	57¾	¾
Den.&RioG.	16¾	17¼	Ph.&Read.	4¾	¾
Do. Pref.	44	5	Southern..	9¾	10¼
Erie	1¾	¾	Do. Pref.	31¾	¾
Do. Pref.	28	9	UnionPac.	118¾	19¼
IllinoisCen	127¾	8½	Do. Pref.	84¾	5¾
Louis&Nh.	94	3	WabashCo.	8¾	9¼
Mis. & Tex.	29¾	¾	Do. Pref. ..	14¾	15¾
N.Y'rkCen.	97¾	8½			

OTHER AMERICAN RAILWAYS, &c.

B. Ayres G. Southern	127¾	8¾	GrandTnk. 1st Pref.	111¾	12¼
Do. & Pac.	120¾	1¾	Do.2ndPrf.	98	9
Do. & Ros.	111	12	Do.3rd Prf.	5¾	¾
Do. West'n	125¾	6¾	Do.4'sGtd.	91¾	5¾
CanadnPac	144	¾	MxcanOrd.	42¾	3¾
Cor. & Ros.	90	2	Do. 1st Prf.	140¾	1¾
Do.Cen.Prf.	87	9	Do.2ndPrf.	91	2
Entreit.Prf.	93	5	Nitrate R.	9	¼
G.Tuk.Ord.	16¾	¾	Urug'yCen.	82	4

SOUTH AFRICANS

Afcan New	¾	¾	Langlaagte	2¾	¾
A.-French.	¾	¾	Do. Block B.	¾	¾
Angelo.....	3¾	¾	Mchnld Ag.	3/9	4/3
Bechu'nl'd	3/9	4/3	Mtabele G.R.	1/9	2/3
Brakpan ..	¾	¾	Mod'rfntn.	5½	6¾
Charter'd..	14/9	15/3	Mozambqe.	¾	¾
City & Sub.	1¾	¾	New Goch..	¾	¾
Con. Gldfs.	2¾	3¾	Nigel	2¾	¾
CrownReef	6	¾	Do. Deep ..	¾	¾
De Beers ..	13¾	¾	Oceana	7/3	8/3
Do. Pref.	15	¾	Paarl Cen.	¾	¾
Durban R.	1¾	¾	Randf'nt'n	1¾	¾
East Rand	3¾	¾	RandMnes.	5¾	¾
Do. Min. E.	¾	¾	Rietf'tn.N.	1¾	2¾
Fanti Con.	5/0	6/0	RhodiaEx.	¾	¾
Ferreira ..	14¾	15¾	Robinson..	7¾	8¾
F Smith D.	¾	¾	Roodept.U.	1¾	¾
Geduld	1¾	¾	Saisbury..	¾	¾
Geldenhuis	1¾	¾	Salisb'yBds.	14/3	15/3
Do. Deep	4¾	¾	Se.uwke	2/0	2/6
Gl. Mining	¾	¾	Sheba	7/3	8/3
Globe&Ph.	¾	¾	Sim.&Jack	24/0	25/0
Gold Trust	1¾	2¾	SteyneEst.	¾	1¾
Henderson	2/0	2/3	Swazi'dCp	¾	¾
Heriot	3¾	¾	Trans.Con. Lands	1¾	¾
H.E.Props.	¾	1	Do. Deve..	9/3	9/9
Jagersfntn	3¾	¾	Van Dyk	1¾	¾
Joh'nesb'g Invest...	¾	¾	Van Ryn ..	2¾	3
Jubilee	1	¾	VillageMR.	3¾	¾
Jumpers ..	¾	1¾	Welged'htEx.	1	¾
Kleinfntn..	1¾	¾	W. Rand C.	¾	¾
Kaffir's C.	17/0	18/0	Willoughby	3/9	4/3
Knights ...	3¾	¾	Wolhuter..	1¾	¾

WEST AFRICANS.

Abosso	1¾	¾	Broomassie	14/0	15/0
AshantiGfs.	6/6	7/6	G. C. Amal.	¾	¾
Bibiani	1/6	2/6	Taq.&Abos.	2¾	¾
Brit. G. C. Company	¾	¾	Wassau.....	6/6	7/6

AUSTRALIANS.

Assoc.W.A.	¾	¾	Ivanhoe ...	7¾	¾
N. Blocks..	¾	¾	Kalgurli ...	7¾	8
G. H'r'shoe	5¾	¾	Kalgurli S.	¾	¾
Gt.Bo'ldera	24/3	24/9	OroyaBhill	¾	¾
Gt.Fingall.	¾	¾			

MISCELLANEOUS MINES.

Anaconda.	6¼	¾	Mt.Morgan	3¾	¾
Balaghat ...	7/0	8/0	Mysore.....	5¾	¾
Bk.H.Prop.	2¾	¾	Nundydr'g	22/0	23/0
Chmpn. Rf.	6/9	7/3	Oo-regum..	7/0	8/0
Lake View	6/6	7/6	R.Tinto Or.	62¾	3
LeRoyNo.2	1¾	¾	Tharsis	5¾	5¾
Meyer&Ch.	2¾	3¾	WaihiGold	8¾	¾
Mt. Lyell...	22/0	23/0			

MISCELLANEOUS.

AeratedBd.	6	¾	Lipton	26/0	26/6
A.-Am.Ord.	56	9	Nelson(J.) Sons,Ord.	21/6	22/6
Do. Def. ...	14	¾	U.S. Steel, Ord.	29¾	¾
Do. Pref. ..	99	101	Do. Pref ..	94¾	5¾
Coats,Ord.	8	¾	Vickers & Maxim...	39/6	40/0
HarrodsOrd	4¾	¾			
Hds'n'sBay	79	80			
Lyons (J.) and Co...	1¾	¾			

Only stocks, bonds or shares which were dealt in yesterday are quoted in the above list.

In recognition of his 50 years' public work in the town, the Mayor of Godalming (Ald. Rea) has been presented with his portrait, a handsome piece of silver, and an album containing a list of subscribers.

The Home Secretary states that arrangements have been made for the periodical testing of motor-cab taximeters. Complaints as to their inaccuracy will be inquired into by the police.

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WEDNESDAYS to KENT COAST, 3/6. FAVERSHAM, WHITSTABLE, and HERNE BAY, 2/6, CANTERBURY, 3/-, MARGATE, BROADSTAIRS, RAMSGATE, FOLKESTONE, DOVER, 3/6. Cannon-street depart 11.30, calling at London Bridge and New Cross only. Tickets available from Suburban Stations. See bills.

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PORTSMOUTH, 3/6, ARUNDEL, LITTLEHAMPTON, BOGNOR, CHICHESTER, 2/6. Lon. Br. and Victoria 11.45 a.m., calling New X, Clap. Junc. and W. Croydon only.

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NATIONAL SUNDAY LEAGUE.

EVERY SUNDAY, Feb. and March. BRIGHTON, 3/-. LONDON BRIDGE and VICTORIA 9.30. Call New Cross, Norwood, Clapham Junction, East Croydon, Balham.

PORTSMOUTH, 3/6; Bognor, Littlehampton, Arundel, Chichester, 2/6. London Bridge, Victoria 11.30 a.m. New Cross, Clapham Junction, etc.

HASTINGS, Bexhill, Eastbourne, 3/6; Seaford, Newhaven, 2/6. London Bridge and Victoria (L.B. & S.C.R.) 11.40 a.m. Call New Cross, Clapham Junction, East Croydon, Balham.

NOTTINGHAM, Loughborough, 4/3. LEICESTER 3/9. Feb. 23, Mch. 8. RUGBY, LUTTERWORTH, 3/9. Marylebone 11.20 p.m. Mch. 1, 15, 29. Sheffield, 5/6.

RAMSGATE, MARGATE, DOVER, FOLKESTONE, 3/6. Canterbury, 3/-. Feb. 23rd, Mch. 8, 22. CHATHAM, Faversham, Whitstable, Herne Bay, 2/6. Broadstairs, 3/6. Charing Cross 11.30. London Bridge 11.38. New Cross 11.45. Hither Green 11.50. Mch. 1, 15, 29. Sandgate, Hythe, 3/6. Maidstone, Ashford, 2/6.

BRIGHTON, 2/6. London Bridge and Victoria 11.50 a.m. Call New Cross, Clapham Junction, Norwood Junction, Balham, East Croydon.

Feb. 23, Mch. 8, 22. BOURNEMOUTH, PARKSTONE, POOLE, Wimborne, New Forest, 5/-. Southampton, Eastleigh, Winchester, Basingstoke, 4/-. Waterloo 9. Call usual stations.

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THE COMMERCIAL ADVICE SYN. are prepared to assist and advise tradesmen or private people in difficulties. Call or write to Secretary, 66, Borough-road, S.E.

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MISSING FEBRUARY 10th, 1908.

E. N. DILLAMORE.

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All communications will be regarded as confidential, and should be sent to the HON. SECRETARY, No. 31, Imperial Buildings, Ludgate Circus, E.C.

Address of house as to which complaint is made must be accurately given.

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1	A9436	2	A299	3	4988	4	6311
5	A7039	6	7076	7	A2194	8	5917
9	6609	10	A6408	11	4970	12	9172
13	A2090	14	9421	15	B1653	16	A2796
17	1373	18	3509	19	9717	20	6273
21	A3525	22	A7718	23	6159	24	2476
25	223	26	7620	27	9716	28	A6155
29	A253	30	A6459	31	A3208	32	8824
33	A2716	34	A3030	35	6346	36	5783
37	3508	38	1217	39	7634	40	6000
41	4618	42	A2013	43	2976	44	5642
45	A364	46	A1471	47	A354	48	A1000
49	A3701	50	7971	51	A6580	52	8446
53	89	54	A3162	55	A9092	56	2625
57	5918	58	2631	59	A3971	60	5914
61	1645	62	9625	63	6029	64	7035
65	1980	66	618	67	5998	68	3086
69	A6184	70	8796	71	A962	72	A3987
73	6455	74	A2812	75	A2935	76	2839
77	A3363	78	A8649	79	A3970	80	9126
81	5930	82	A4060	83	8823	84	A165
85	4930	86	A6271	87	A722	88	6804
89	A236	90	A3170	91	A3856	92	9125
93	859	94	A6458	95	1641	96	A100
97	9319	98	A7064	99	2865	100	6982

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THE SOLICITORS of the NATIONAL LEGAL AID SOCIETY, 1, Great James-street, Bedford-row, London, W.C., ADVISE and ASSIST FREE OF CHARGE upon Divorce, Bankruptcy, Meetings of Creditors, Accidents of any kind or other legal matters. Office hours 10 to 6. Post prepaid inquiries answered. S. ALN, Secretary.

NEXT-OF-KIN.

WILLIAM WHICHELOE. GEORGE HALL.

PURSUANT to the directions of Mr. Justice Warrington, given in an action in the Matter of the Estate of GEORGE HALL, deceased, PATERSON v. HALL, 1905 H. No. 3370, WILLIAM THOMAS WHICHELOE, who was a son of HOLLAND THOMAS WHICHELOE and HANNAH his wife, and who is believed to have left England in or about 1853 for Australia, or any person claiming by through or under him. Also the children or remoter issue of GEORGE HALL (not the above-named Testator GEORGE HALL) who was born in 1787, and who was a son of JOSEPH and ANN HALL and who is believed to have married and to have had two sons, named GEORGE and JOHN, are requested to communicate with Messrs. PATERSON, CANDLER, and SYKES, 8, Breams Buildings, Chancery-lane, London, Solicitors, in order that upon proof of their claims before the Judge in Chambers they may participate in the benefit of an order made in the said action to ascertain who are entitled to the residuary, real and personal estate of the said Testator, GEORGE HALL.

PURSUANT

TO THE PARTITION ACT, 1876, and of an ORDER of the HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE, CHANCERY DIVISION, ENGLAND, dated the 10th day of February, 1908, made in an action of TOVEY v. PEARCEY, 1907, T. No. 1641, service of notice of the judgment in the said action, dated the 16th day of November, 19[illegible], on ALBERT JOHN AVENELL was dispensed with. Now the said ALBERT JOHN AVENELL, and any person claiming by, through or under him, the said ALBERT JOHN AVENELL, and all persons claiming to be interested in the property to which this action relates who are not parties to the said action or have not been served with notice of the said judgment, are hereby required to come in and establish their claims in respect thereof at the Chambers of Mr. Justice Joyce and Mr. Justice Eve, Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, England, on or before the 25th day of May, 1908, or in default thereof they will after the expiration of the time so limited be bound by the proceedings in the said action as if on the 10th day of February, 1908, the date of the above order, they had been served with notice of the said judgment.

Tuesday, the 2nd day of June, 1908, at 12 at noon, at Room 696 in the said chambers, is appointed for hearing and adjudicating upon the claims.

Dated this 10th day of February, 1908.
RICHD. JOHN VILLIERS, Master.

The abovenamed ALBERT JOHN AVENELL was born on the 20th February, 1855, at Hale Parsham, in the County of Surrey, England, and was last heard of in the month of January, 1879, when he was residing at Port Pirie, South Australia.

NEXT-OF-KIN.

STAIT.

HEIRS of CHARLES STAIT, son of THOMAS STAIT, born about 1841, who emigrated and died abroad, may benefit by applying to Dunn's Next-of-Kin Agency, 150, Prince of Wales road, London, N.W.

OFFICERS' & SOLDIERS' BALANCES UNCLAIMED.

IN PURSUANCE of "The Regimental Debts Act, 1893," notice is hereby given that there is available for distribution amongst the Next of Kin, or others entitled, the sum of money set opposite to the name of each of the deceased officers and soldiers named in the lists which are published with this notice in the London Gazette and the "Army List," and are also to be seen at the Regimental Depots throughout the United Kingdom.

Applications from persons supposing themselves entitled as Next-of-Kin should be addressed by letter to The Secretary, War Office, London, S.W., and marked outside "Effects."
E. W. D. WARD.
War Office,
October 27th, 1905.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE. PROBATE, DIVORCE AND ADMIRALTY DIVISION (PROBATE).

TO MAUDE RIDLEY BRUCE BIRKETT (Wife of WILLIAM TREVENER BIRKETT, formerly LANE, widow), formerly of Burnham-on-Sea, in the County of Somerset, but whose present address is unknown.

TAKE NOTICE that a Citation has issued citing you to cause an appearance to be entered for you within 1 month after publication hereof, in the Principal Probate Registry of the Court, situate at Somerset House, Strand, in the County of Middlesex, and accept or refuse Letters of Administration of all the Estate which by law devolves to and vests in the personal representative of ERNEST HENRY BRUCE LANE, late of Burnham-on-Sea, in the County of Somerset, deceased, or show cause why Letters of Administration of the said Estate of the said deceased should not be granted to THOMAS BRUCE LANE, the natural and lawful father and next of kin of the said deceased, with an intimation that in default of your appearance Letters of Administration as aforesaid will be granted to the said THOMAS BRUCE LANE.

(Signed) ROBT. A. PRITCHARD, Registrar.
CECIL JOHN MERCER, 145, Temple Chambers, Temple Avenue, E.C., Solicitor.

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PURSUANT

TO A JUDGMENT of the HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE, CHANCERY DIVISION, ENGLAND, in an Action of EGGAR v. COLLINS, 1900 E. 1415, dated the 1st day of July, 1901, and of an Order in the said Action dated the 20th day of January, 1908, dispensing with service of notice of the said Judgment upon the persons hereinafter named, that is to say, on SARAH SIMMONDS and JAMES SIMMONDS, the said SARAH SIMMONDS and JAMES SIMMONDS and all persons claiming by, through or under them to be interested in the property to which this Action relates who have not been served with notice of the said Judgment, are hereby required to come in and establish their respective claims in respect thereof at the Chambers of Mr. Justice Eve, Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, on or before the 28th day of March, 1908, or in default thereof they will after the expiration of the time so limited be bound by the proceedings in the said Action as if they had been served with notice of such Judgment. Friday, the 3rd day of April, 1908, at 12.30 in the afternoon at the said chambers has been appointed for hearing and adjudicating upon the claims.

Dated this 18th day of February, 1908.
W. O. HEWLETT, Master.

NOTE. The said SARAH SIMMONDS and JAMES SIMMONDS at one time lived at Farnham, in the County of Surrey, and are believed to have removed to Reading, in the County of Berks.

CHURCH, ADAMS and PRIOR, 11, Bedford-row, London, W.C., Agents for HOLLEST, MASON and NASH, Farnham, Surrey.

STRAND UNION.

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THE GUARDIANS of the STRAND UNION are desirous of receiving TENDERS for the supply of the undermentioned articles to their Workhouse and School at Edmonton and to their establishments at Sheffield-street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, viz.:—

Flour	Drugs
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Meat (Outdoor)	Linendrapery (School)
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Coals	Furnishing Ironmongery
Grocery	Printing and Stationery
Hay and Straw	Tea (4,742lbs.) at
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Forms of Tender may be obtained on and after 7th March next, at the Guardians' Offices, 15, Henrietta-street, W.C. Sealed Tenders must be delivered before 12 o'clock noon on Thursday, 19th March, 1908, to me at the above offices.

Parties tendering should inspect the samples at the Workhouse or School (near Silver-street Station, G.E.R.), as all goods not equal to sample will be rejected on delivery.

Tea will be paid for within 21 days of the date of delivery.

Flour and Meat (if so desired) will be paid for monthly, other articles quarterly.

Parties tendering, or their agents, may be in attendance at the Guardians' Offices at 12 o'clock noon on Thursday, 19th March, 1908, when the Tenders will be opened.

A. H. MADDOCKS, Clerk to the Guardians.
15, Henrietta-street, Covent Garden, London, W.C.
February, 1908.

ST. GEORGE'S (HANOVER-SQUARE) UNION, LONDON.

CONTRACTS FOR PROVISIONS, CLOTHING, &c.

THE GUARDIANS desire to receive TENDERS for supplying their Infirmary and Workhouse in the Fulham-road, West Brompton, their Workhouse in the Buckingham Palace-road, their Receiving Home for Children in Millman-street, Chelsea, and other establishments of the Union, during the SIX MONTHS ending the 3rd October next, with the following goods: Butchers' Meat, Poultry, Fish, Ice, Flour, Grocery, Tea, Cheesemongery, Margarine, Eggs, Fruit and Vegetables, Milk, Tobacco and Snuff, and Oilman's Goods.

Also TENDERS for ONE YEAR ending March 27th, 1909, for the supply of the following goods, viz.: Wood for Firewood, Cotton and Woollen Clothing and Hosiery, Haberdashery, Boys' and Men's Clothing, Officers' uniforms, Waterproof Goods, Brushes and Brooms, Boots, Shoes, Leather, Earthenware and Glass, Ironmongery, Tinware, Drugs and Medical Appliances, and Horse Hire.

TENDERS will also be received for the supply of COALS during the THREE MONTHS, ending the 27th June next.

Forms upon which the Tenders are to be made can be obtained upon personal application at my offices, or by forwarding to me a stamped large-sized envelope. Samples of the various articles required may be seen on application to Mr. Elkerton, the Master of the Fulham-road Workhouse, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 12 noon any day except Saturday or Sunday. Tenders must be delivered to me at the undermentioned address, sealed and properly endorsed, before 12 noon on Wednesday, the 4th day of March, the day on which the Tenders will be opened. The Guardians do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any Tender.

(Signed) THOMAS WORLOCK,
Clerk to the Guardians.
Guardians' Offices,
Prince's-row, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W.
20th February, 1908.

POPLAR AND STEPNEY SICK ASYLUM DISTRICT.

CONTRACT FOR SUPPLIES, TEA, &c.

THE MANAGERS of the above District give notice that they will meet at the Asylum at Bromley, London, E., on TUESDAY, the 10th day of March, 1908, to receive and open TENDERS from persons willing to SUPPLY GOODS to be furnished by the following tradesmen for the use of the Asylum at Devons-road, Bromley, London, E., and also for the Branch Asylum at Blackwall, E., from the 29th March next, for the following periods, viz.:

FOR SIX MONTHS.

Tea Merchant, Baker, Butcher, Fishmonger, Potato Salesman, Butter Merchant, Cheesemonger, Egg Merchant, Grocer, Mealman, Brewer and Milkman.

FOR TWELVE MONTHS.

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TENDERS will also be received at the same time from persons willing to contract for the purchase of KITCHEN REFUSE AND RAGS, &c., for twelve months from 29th March, 1908, and applications will be considered from local tradesmen who are desirous of SUPPLYING ANY GOODS which may be required OUT OF CONTRACT.

Printed forms of tender, which alone can be received, and which will contain an estimate of the quantities required and the directions to be observed by the parties tendering, may be obtained at my office at the Asylum, daily, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., Saturdays 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., or will be sent by post upon receipt of a stamped addressed foolscap envelope, and the same, with the exception of Tenders for Tea, must be returned to me by registered letter or by hand, sealed at both ends of envelope, not later than 12 o'clock midday the 10 March, 1908. TEA TENDERS WITH THEIR RESPECTIVE SAMPLES MUST BE DELIVERED AT MY OFFICES NOT LATER THAN 10 a.m. on WEDNESDAY, the 4th MARCH, 1908.

Parties whose Tenders are accepted will be informed thereof by letter.

The Managers do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any Tender.
By order,
WALTER R. FOSKETT, Clerk to the Managers.
Clerk's Offices, Bromley-by-Bow, E.
February, 1908.

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OFFICIAL SITUATIONS.

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WANTED at the WESTERN AMBULANCE STATION, [illegible] road, Fulham, S.W., under the Metropolitan Asylums Board. Wages £18, [illegible] and an annual allowance of £2 10s in [illegible] if desired.

Apply to the Superintendent, [illegible] personally 10 to 1, with testimonials, or by letter with copies of testimonials.

21st February, 1908.

Laundrymaids

WANTED at the following Institutions of the Metropolitan Asylums Board:—

1. At the EASTERN FEVER HOSPITAL, Homerton Grove, Homerton, E. Wages £20 10s.

2. At WHITE OAK SCHOOL, Swanley, Kent (for children suffering from ophthalmia). Wages £20, rising to £22.

Board, lodging, washing and uniform are provided in both cases.

Apply to the Matron of the Institution concerned, either personally 10 to 1, with testimonials, or by letter with copies of testimonials.

21st February, 1908.

Needlewoman (Assistant)

WANTED at the following Institutions of the Metropolitan Asylums Board:—

1. At THE DOWNS SCHOOL, Sutton, Surrey (for children suffering from Ringworm). Wages £20, rising to £22.

2. At the PARK FEVER HOSPITAL, Hither Green, Lewisham, S.E. Wages £20, with an annual allowance of £2 10s. in lieu of beer if desired.

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21st February, 1908.

Wanted

AT FEVER HOSPITALS of the Metropolitan Asylums Board, as follows:—

1. KITCHENMAID at GORE FARM Convalescent HOSPITAL, Dartford, Kent. Wages £20, with an annual allowance of £2 10s. in lieu of beer if desired.

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21st February, 1908.

Parish of Saint Pancras.

GENERAL SERVANT.

WANTED for the NURSES' HOME, Nos. 10 and 11, Ampthill-square, N.W., a GENERAL SERVANT. Wages £16 per annum, rising by £1 yearly to £18 per annum, with board, lodging, washing, and £4 per annum in lieu of [illegible] rations.

Applications to be made personally to the Matron, St. Pancras Infirmary, St. Pancras-road, N.W., any day between the hours of 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

ALFRED A. MILLWARD, Clerk to the Guardians.
Town Hall, Pancras-road, N.W.
20th February, 1908.

Parish of Saint Pancras.

LUNATIC ATTENDANT.

WANTED for the Workhouse, St. Pancras-road, N.W., an ATTENDANT for the Male Mental Wards. [illegible] Salary £30 per annum, rising by [illegible] to £35 per annum, with rations, lodging, washing, uniform, and £4 per annum in lieu of [illegible] rations.

Applications to be made either personally to the Master at the Workhouse, between the hours of 12 a.m. and 1 p.m., on forms to be obtained at my office as below.

ALFRED A. MILLWARD, Clerk to the Guardians.
Town Hall, Pancras-road, N.W.
20th February, 1908.

Holme Court Truant School, Isleworth, W.

MATRON. Wanted, salary £35 per annum. LAUNDRESS also required. Salary £20, increasing £1 annually to £25 per annum.

Both officers [illegible] must be willing to make themselves generally useful. [illegible] will be provided with furnished apartments, rations and washing.

Married couples without children are eligible.

Forms of application, with duties, will be sent on receipt of a stamped addressed foolscap envelope, and applications must reach me before 12 noon on Friday the 28th February.

By Order,
STEPHEN ESLICK, Clerk.
Holme Court Truant School, Isleworth, W.
19th February, 1908.

Strand Union.

FEMALE RECEIVING WARD AND BATH ATTENDANT.

THE GUARDIANS invite applications for the appointment of a FEMALE RECEIVING WARD ATTENDANT at their Workhouse at Edmonton, near Silver-street Station, G.E.R. Salary £2[illegible] per annum, rising £1 yearly to £30, with rations, residence, washing, and uniform. Candidates must be single, [illegible] 25 years of age, and have had experience [illegible] in a public institution. Information as to the duties can be obtained from the Matron as above, and personal application is desirable. The salary and emoluments are subject to a deduction under the Poor Law Officers' Superannuation Act, 1896. Applications on forms to be obtained at this office must be sent in on or before Thursday next, 27th February, 1908.

Canvassing will disqualify.

A. H. MADDOCKS, Clerk to the Guardians.
15, Henrietta-street, Covent Garden, London, W.C.
18th February, 1908.

Strand Union.

ATTENDANT ON INFIRM, WANTED.

THE GUARDIANS are desirous of receiving applications for the above appointment at their Workhouse, [illegible] Silver street, Edmonton, N. (G.E.R.) [illegible].

Salary £20 per annum, rising £1 yearly to a maximum of £22, with rations, residence and uniform. The salary and emoluments are subject to a deduction under the Poor Law Officers' Superannuation Act, 1896. Particulars of the duties may be obtained on application to the Master of the Workhouse as above, and personal application is desirable.

[illegible]

Applications [illegible] on forms [illegible] must be received [illegible].

A. H. MADDOCKS, Clerk to the Guardians.
15, Henrietta-street, Covent Garden, London, W.C.
21st February, 1908.

Strand Union.

THE GUARDIANS invite applications for the appointment of YARDSMAN at their School, Millfield House, Upper Edmonton, near Silver-street Station, G.E.R.

Salary £2[illegible], rising £1 yearly to a [illegible] of £[illegible], with rations, residence and uniform.

Candidates must be [illegible] between the ages of 21 and [illegible] years.

The salary and emoluments are subject to a deduction under the Poor Law Officers' Superannuation Act, 1896.

Particulars of the duties may be obtained of the Superintendent of the School, Millfield House, Upper Edmonton, and personal application is desirable. Applications must be made on forms to be obtained at this office, which must be returned to me on or before Thursday, 5th March, 1908.

Canvassing will disqualify.

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20th February, 1908.

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REQUIRED for the SOUTHERN NIGERIA GOVERNMENT RAILWAY, for a tour of service of 12 months' residential service, with prospect of permanency. Salary £210 a year, rising annually by £10 to £250. Half salary from date of embarkation; full salary from date of arrival in Colony.

Free single quarters are provided, second-class passages out and home, against satisfactory completion of engagement.

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Strict medical examination and vaccination necessary.

Candidates must not be over the age of 40 years. They should have been [illegible] on railways [illegible] and be experienced [illegible].

Applications, [illegible] stating age, whether married or single, and particulars of experience, with copies of testimonials, should be addressed to the Crown Agents for the Colonies, Whitehall Gardens, S.W., up to 4th March, 1908.

Quote M 7048 in application.

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Advertisements of SITUATIONS WANTED are accepted at a Special cheap rate of One Shilling for 18 Words, and Threepence for each 6 Words after [illegible].

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SITUATIONS VACANT.

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WANTED a good GENERAL SERVANT, experienced in [illegible]; good references necessary; [illegible] and wages. Write [illegible] to Mrs. A., [illegible], Lincoln's Inn, London, W.C.

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Candidates must be over 2[illegible] years of age.

Personal application to the Matron of the Infirmary, 204, Hoxton-street, N., between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m., or by letter.

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SITUATIONS VACANT.

GENERAL Wanted, plain cooking, 3 in family, another kept.—Mrs. [illegible], 1, Holmesdale-road, New Gardens.

GOOD GENERAL, 2 in family, small flat, no washing, good outings, £18.—Mrs. M., Hetherington's, 165, Queen's-road, Peckham.

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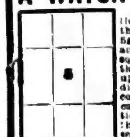

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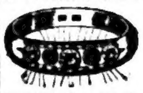

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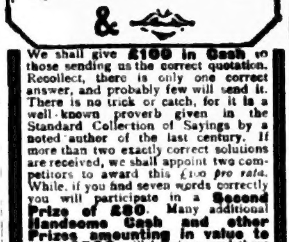

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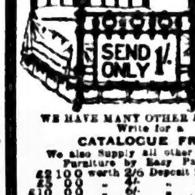

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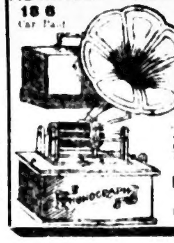

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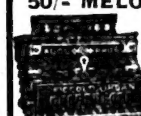

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SOUTHAMPTON 2, BRISTOL ROVERS 0.

This match in the Third Round was played at Southampton [illegible]

[illegible] Bristol Rovers had [illegible] wide. A fine pass [illegible] Hodgkinson ended in the latter sending in a fine shot, which Cartlidge [illegible] push away, but on Bainbridge centring Appleby cleared from out of the goal mouth, a narrow escape. Both sides seemed excited, but the Rovers were very dangerous when they got anywhere near goal, and how Lock managed to clear from a scrimmage was marvellous. He was called on again [illegible] Costello made a poor shot [illegible] well placed. The back play was very keen on both sides, and neither set of forwards had time to indulge in pretty footwork. The Rovers forwards were very persistent, Lock saving amid difficulties

IN CLEVER FASHION.

[illegible] the Rovers [illegible] their backs to place the ball well up. Clark, the Rovers' winger, was well fed, but Glover proved himself a hard man to beat. Robertson was inclined to wander and nearly let the Rovers through on two or three occasions. Bainbridge made a splendid run for the Saints, and only just missed, as did Hodgkinson a minute after with a skimmer. The first corner fell to the home team after half an hour's play, which was headed over. Lock was soon called on again and only managed to clear after bouncing the ball 20 yards up the field. Bainbridge scored a magnificent goal for the Saints 34 minutes from the start. Nothing daunted, the Rovers tried long shooting, but Lock was not to be beaten, making several good saves. Play on the whole had been very even during this half, both goalkeepers having

SOME NARROW ESCAPES,

but the Saints crossed over with the lead. On resuming the crowd had increased, but rain was still falling. The Rovers were quickest away, and Lock was early called on to clear his lines, and the Rovers were soon swarming round him again, but this time Buckle shot behind. Hodgkinson lost the ball at the other end, trying to trick his man instead of centring at once. When the locals got into their stride they caused the Bristol backs to be very alert, and Smith, the local centre, only just missed being inches high with his final effort, which ended with a throw-in. The Rovers worked down to Lock's charge, but Gerrish shot wildly. The play consisted mostly of long kicking and quick following up, and in this respect Bainbridge was very prominent, and

HIS FLYING RUNS

were Cartlidge's chief danger. Buckle once got clear away for the Rovers, but Glover dashed across and the ball, luckily for the Saints, rebounded into touch. Once more the "flying" Bainbridge got away, but ran the ball behind. The Saints were now pressing strongly, but so well did Appleby and Stevens play that 18 minutes had gone by before Costello headed Bainbridge's centre past Cartlidge. Eastham put in a pile driver from a free kick, which Appleby headed out. It made him shake his head for a minute or two after. The Saints were now going great guns, but were repulsed, and Lock made a brilliant save from Clark, conceding a corner in so doing. The Rovers were playing a very hard game, but the Saints' halves were also playing a fine game, and time after time put paid to Clark, Buckle, and Co. The local centre hit the bar with a grand shot, and Cartlidge was always

BEING CALLED UPON.

Clark was now getting much to do now, Robertson playing much better through the half and generally keeping him in hand. Gerrish again made a hash of a fine opening just before time. The Rovers made a desperate effort just on the finish, but were repulsed, and time was called with the Saints winners of a good hard game by two goals to nil.

(Special Comments.)

The best team won this match beyond a doubt. In the first half the play was on the whole very even, despite the Rovers having the elements in their favour, but in the second half the home team were far and away superior. By the way the Rovers started feeding their crack right winger, Clark, it was soon seen that was the dangerous wing, and Glover gave him little scope. In the second half Clark was seldom seen, about the only good thing he did being a shot which enabled Lock to make the save of the match. Cartlidge saved very cleverly at times, and Appleby and Strang were the shining lights in defence on the home side. All played well except Costello, who was the one weak spot. Bainbridge was the star, and his goal was a superb one.

WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS 2, SWINDON TOWN 0.

At the Molineux Ground, Wolverhampton, in a high wind, which developed into a gale. The morning opened threateningly, and for two hours before the kick off rain fell intermittently, while at times the storm was of tropical severity. This interfered with what was reckoned upon as likely to prove a record attendance, but 15 minutes before the initial whistle there were just over 20,000 spectators present. Many specials exuded becoloured and enthusiastic partisans from Swindon, who were somewhat discouraged at the outlook, but who were cheered subsequently by the sun forcing itself through the white clouds, though many thousands had a soaking. The Wanderers were lucky in being able to place upon the field the same team as defeated Bradford City and Bury, Kenneth Hunt having been let off from the Amateur International at Stockport, and Sheldon having recovered from a slight blood poisoning. The attendance had increased to 25,000 when the game started, Swindon having

RECONSTRUCTED THEIR FRONT LINE

as follows:—Johnson, Lyons, Rushton, Warburton, and Fleming. The Wanderers went straight away, Pedley being pulled up for off-side infringement. Great excitement prevailed, as Fleming got away. Hunt was too fast for him, but Fleming fouled. The ground was excessively greasy, and Hedley miskicked amid groans. King judged exceedingly [illegible] himself from an awkward position, and threw the ball [illegible] away.

A NASTY SHOT

[illegible] Fleming [illegible]

A PASSENGER.

When he kicked the ball he seemed to feel it acutely. He went outside right and Harrison dropped into inside position, though this change failed to display any sort of advantage. Kenneth Hunt intercepted a dangerous pass, and trying to force his way ahead came into collision with an opponent, both falling heavily. The game was suspended for a time, the referee taking off his coat. Chambers seemed to be the more seriously injured, as he left the field, being helped off by supporters. Hedley was, on resuming, penalised for fouling. The free kick was fruitless, and then Johnson caused excitement as he sped along, only to see his pass intercepted by Collins. Gill was giving of his very best, for he saved many a situation with fine free kicking. An attack on the Swindon goal was spoiled by an ill-judged pass to Wooldridge, who was limping as badly as ever, and Walker jumped in easily to clear. A free kick to the Wanderers almost let in Hedley, but he failed to squeeze past Walker and his lightning shot went hard against the outside of the net.

GRADUALLY BUT SURELY

the Wanderers appeared to be getting the upper hand of their opponents. Brilliant individual play by Hunt almost caused the downfall of the Swindon goal, Hedley shooting wide. Four minutes to go Harrison ran through to score, Hedley following suit a minute later. Final.—Wolves, 2; Swindon, 0.

(Special Comments.)

It was a typical Cup fight under adverse conditions, in which Gill and Kenneth Hunt stood head and shoulders above the rest. Right up to practically the final whistle it seemed certain that the Wolves would have to go to Swindon, though they were packing the Swindon defence up with terrific hard work. It was a sudden transformation scene—and the chief actor was the agile Harrison, who wormed himself through a tired half-back line, past Walker, and shot with deadly aim. The second goal was a greater surprise, but it came from Hedley, whose shooting powers seemed to have left him in the early part of the game. Swindon must be commiserated with upon the mishap to Chambers, and it was only gradually but surely that the Wolves secured the upper hand, Swindon being tired out. Still it was a glorious finish, the scene being indescribable.

STOKE 1, PORTSMOUTH 0.

Boisterous weather prevailed at Portsmouth for this match at Fratton Park, a strong south-westerly wind blowing with occasional rain squalls, but for a couple of hours before play was advertised to commence crowds were seen wending their way to the enclosure, including numerous contingents from Stoke, gaily sporting scarlet and white favours, special trains having run from the Midlands early in the morning. Another strong party hailed from Aldershot, where the North Staffordshire Regt. is stationed, and special trains were also run from other parts. Portsmouth, who had trained at home, were able to put a strong side out, McCafferty, their new man, being centre forward, but were without Cameron, who is suffering from influenza, in goal, Cook deputising. Stoke had spent the week at Worthing and completed their journey via the morning. Their team was

NOT FINALLY CHOSEN

until after their arrival, when it was decided to include Holford and Arrowsmith in the front rank, Bentley at centre half, and Cope at left back. Play started at 3.25, Stoke being fortunate to win the toss, and both teams were vigorously cheered by 20,000 spectators when they took the field. Stoke, playing with the wind, went off with a tremendous dash on the left wing, but were checked by Thomson, and Portsmouth retaliated, being assisted by an early decision of "hands" against the visitors. However the ball went out, and just afterwards Stoke were dangerous from a handling award, but Buick relieved. It was early apparent that Stoke intended playing a bustling game, their forwards being constantly aggressive, aided, of course, by a stiff breeze, and soon forced a corner from Macdonald, and Cook saved twice in quick succession. Accurate shooting and close combination were impossible owing to the strengthening wind, and Holford's attempt at

HOT SHOTS

proving futile, Portsmouth were compelled to act chiefly on the defensive, but were fully alert, Warner and Cook saving dangerous situations frequently. Two penalties awarded to Portsmouth were unavailing, and openings engineered by McCafferty and Smith proved fruitless, though just after McCafferty got through again, Box having to negotiate his shot. Portsmouth, despite the adverse conditions, continued to hold their own and enjoy a good share of the game for some time, but at length Sturgess received on the left, and sending across by a long kick to Watkins on the right, the latter passed to Holford, who scored at close range after half an hour's play. It was generally regarded as a very lucky goal, but it encouraged the "Potters" to play up with increased energy, "Pompey's" defence being kept at full tension until Kirby and McCafferty afforded relief by breaking through. Bellamy, on the extreme left, however, failed to

GIVE SUFFICIENT SUPPORT

and the effort failed. There was no further score prior to the interval. Half [illegible] Portsmouth returned to the attack, and Box brought off a wonderful save from McCafferty, conceding a corner which was cleared. The game at this stage seemed all in favour of [illegible] The Stoke defence [illegible] their forwards [illegible] going against the wind.

[illegible]

A LITTLE ATTEMPT

[illegible] attempt by Bellamy directly after. Portsmouth's luck was distinctly out. Towards the finish play slowed down considerably, and though McCafferty made a final effort to lead his side through, his endeavour was negatived by the Stoke defence. [illegible] and Stoke were left winners of [illegible] by one goal to nil amid [illegible]

(Special Comments.)

Wind practically spoiled the game, it being impossible to control the ball or kick with accuracy. Portsmouth lost through not winning the toss, as this not merely gave Stoke a decided advantage, but Portsmouth were greatly handicapped in having to fight the first half against a fresh team in the teeth of half a gale of wind, which took much out of the players. But they played much the best game in the opening moiety, the back division excelling in defence. Stoke's goal was lucky, as the ball appeared to be going outside when centered. Stoke lasted well, their forwards holding nicely together, but their defence was even better. Box, in goal, and Burgess, at back, particularly distinguished themselves. Box saved marvellously two shots from Buick and McCafferty, the latter when lying full length. The gate was officially returned at 14,145 and the takings £.48 16s.

BOLTON W. 3, EVERTON 3.

The conditions were anything but favourable to good football at Bolton, water standing in pools on the ground. The Wanderers were without Edmondson and Shepherd, and played Davies in goal, and Marsh and Lee in the forward line. Fully 30,000 persons witnessed the game. During the opening half the game was splendidly contested, there being little to choose between the sides. After 15 minutes the Wanderers scored by Marsh, but six minutes later Bolton equalised for Everton. However, Marsh scored again and the Bolton Wanderers thus led at the interval by 2 goals to 1. Early in the second half Settle equalised for Everton after

A FINE BOUT

of passing, his shot going through off one of the uprights. White then had a chance, but sent the ball straight at Scott, who kept out several good shots. The game continued to be splendidly fought out. Marsh once more gave the Wanderers the lead, but Settle responded for Everton, and nothing more being scored the match ended in a draw of 3 goals each.

NEWCASTLE U. 3, LIVERPOOL 1.

The tie between these sides proved an enormous attraction, and despite the wet weather there were fully 46,000 people present at the start. Except that Howie displaced Higgins, Newcastle United had the same team that defeated Liverpool in a League match at Liverpool on Saturday, Dec. 14. During the opening half Liverpool had the assistance of the wind, but Newcastle had quite a fair share of the play, their forwards showing fine form. The game was full of excitement, both defences being severely taxed. At the end of 20 minutes Raisbeck shot through and the United being unable to respond Liverpool led at the interval by one goal to none. After change of ends Newcastle, now favoured by the wind, took the game in hand and asserted a clear superiority. At the end of four minutes Appleyard equalised with a capital shot, and encouraged by this success the United played keen, vigorous football. Seventeen minutes later Speedie placed the home side ahead, and in the next minute Rutherford added a third goal. In this way Newcastle United gained a comfortable victory by 3 goals to 1.

GRIMSBY TOWN 1, CRYSTAL PALACE 0.

This match created intense local excitement, but unfortunately rain during the morning, and heavy showers half an hour before the match, seriously militated against the attendance, not more than 7,000 being present at the start. The turf was in a very heavy condition, and was a quagmire in parts, but the mud was minimised as far as possible by sand. Both teams were not shown until just before the game. Crystal Palace had their regular side, with the exception that H. Davies replaced Roberts, outside left. Grimsby, who were unable to play Hakin through illness, brought in Higgins from centre half to inside left, Bowden replacing Higgins. Ten minutes before the start the ground was swept by a rain storm with vivid

FLASHES OF LIGHTNING,

the field being partially obscured by the gusts of wind and rain. Grimsby won the toss, and fortunately rain abated within a few minutes of the start. Considering the state of the ground play ruled extremely fast. Palace were the first to attack, but the effort was feeble. Grimsby, who early on exhibited fine marksmanship, caused Johnson to save with difficulty a fine shot from Lee. The Palace were unable to get relief for some minutes, their backs, however, giving a safe exposition. But a break away was nullified by Vincent, who in one dangerous situation recovered himself after miskicking, and put the ball out of play. Grimsby were certainly having the major portion of the attack. The Palace wing men were full of

RESOURCE AND DASH

as were Grimsby, and the slightest hesitancy on the part of either defence created an exciting situation. A corner by the Palace resulted in Davies heading past after the ball had been well centred. A spell of midfield play followed, Grimsby's halves being conspicuous for some time heading. The Palace got up, Vincent again miskicking, but Smith, who had a good chance, was too eager and consequently shot past. It was a rare opportunity for an opening score. As play progressed long passing [illegible] Palace outside [illegible] beat but Carmichael. A minute later [illegible] it was a fine piece of judgment on the Grimsby centre forward's part [illegible] goal scored by [illegible] A minute later Grimsby kept up an almost incessant bombardment for several minutes. The Palace were, however, undaunted [illegible] After the interval [illegible] Grimsby [illegible] Walker [illegible] attack [illegible] Carmichael saved very smartly at the expense of a futile corner. In the concluding stages Johnson tipped just when [illegible] Blanthorne, who was just about to score, the Palace custodian's feat being warmly applauded. Grimsby, by long kicking, were at last able to have some of the game, and frequently beat the Palace defence. The narrow margin, however, produced strenuous efforts from the Southerners, who were within an ace of scoring when Hatton rushed across and an abortive corner resulted. The spectators were at full tension, for the Palace frequently looked like equalising, and, to be honest, merited it for their unflagging attitude. Grimsby realising the danger, made another big effort, and Johnson was called upon several times. A long shot from Blanthorne just missed. Johnson bungled, and nearly let Blanthorne through, but Grimsby's centre forward overran himself, and Walker cleared. Innerd next missed an open goal. Johnson twice cleared at full length, Palace struggling gamely to the end, but Grimsby's victory was well deserved.

A Good Bite.

(Special Comments.)

It would be scarcely correct to say that the Palace threw their chance away, but they muddled several opportunities in the second half through wretched shooting. Excluding Johnson, in goal, the remainder were by no means great, though Ryan was conspicuous for some effective work. Grimsby played their strongest against the semi gale, when the Palace ought to have risen to the occasion. Their forwards were much the better against than with the wind. The Southerners' chief merit was their grim determination from beginning to end. Taken as a whole, their display was inferior to Bristol City, and without Johnson they would be called mediocre. The backs became very shaky in the concluding stages, and the bulk of the work fell upon the Palace custodian, who cannot be too highly praised. On the Grimsby side Stokes was sadly neglected. The one and only goal came from his centre, and an off-side goal was also due to his placing. Carmichael, when really tested for about ten minutes after the restart, gave a clever display. The forwards combined well, and Stokes was best, and had he been given more opportunities Grimsby's score would have been increased.

The halves were, as usual, a strong feature. With capable backs in Wheelhouse and Vincent, Grimsby's victory was received with frantic delight, several players being carried off the field. Just before the match a large board was blown down, injuring two boys.

MANCHESTER UNITED 2, ASTON VILLA 0.

No match in the third round had been anticipated with more widespread interest than the meeting of Aston Villa and Manchester United at Birmingham, the events of the previous Saturday, when the Manchester team were beaten on their own ground by Blackburn Rovers, and the Villa administered a crushing defeat to Sheffield Wednesday, having raised great hopes among the supporters of the Birmingham club. Unhappily, rain throughout the morning had rendered the field greasy and treacherous, while to further handicap the players quite a gale of wind prevailed. The unfavourable weather notwithstanding a crowd of 35,000 people gathered to witness the struggle. Both teams were at full strength. With the strong wind at their backs, United soon gained the upper hand. Duckworth opened the scoring for them, and the Villa, unable to make headway against the gale, had a second point registered against them by Turnbull.

TRY AS THEY MIGHT

the home side could not relieve the pressure to real purpose, and the interval arrived with the score:—Manchester United, 2 goals; Aston Villa, 0. On resuming, the play became rather rough. The Villa quite failed to take advantage, and their shooting left a lot to be desired. The United were, for the most part, content to act on the defensive, and although Aston Villa made frequent dashes, they were always driven back. Nothing more was scored, and Manchester United thus gained a well deserved victory by 2 to 0.

MANCHESTER CITY 1, FULHAM 1.

More miserable conditions than those which prevailed at Hyde Road it would be impossible to imagine. It had rained in the district for fully 24 hours, and the ground was almost covered with water, whilst ominous clouds, before the game suggested a repetition. One had the novel sight of a club official parading the ground with a pitchfork, digging into the ground to let the water in. [illegible] Fulham had the same team which beat Luton and Norwich City, and escaped [illegible] The City, owing to [illegible] had to rearrange their forward line. [illegible] There was a very strong [illegible] wind and winning the toss gave [illegible] City a great advantage in the first [illegible] immediately forced matters. [illegible] Morrison miskicking presented [illegible] with a fine opportunity. The [illegible] sent in a terrific shot which [illegible] side net. The wind played havoc with the ball, and once Lindsay kicked away. The wind drove the ball back, and Ross had to give a corner. Fulham rarely got away, but their defence was sound. Skene once saved brilliantly [illegible] Not long afterwards [illegible] looked like walking through, when [illegible] weakly kicked the ball from his toe well wide of the goal. The decision of the referee in favour of the City amused the crowd. The ball struck Collins on the leg, but the referee blew for handling, and Conlin, taking the kick, struck the cross bar, a lucky escape for Fulham. During the first 20 minutes [illegible] dangerous, Mouncher [illegible] pacing Kelso and forcing a [illegible] corner. Fortunately for the Craven Cottagers, the Lancashire men were very inaccurate in their shooting, and missed [illegible] very fine chances. A pretty movement between [illegible] and Morrison sent [illegible] away, and the little man [illegible]

CENTRED SPEEDILY,

and Smith only fisted away [illegible] Fulham were cheered for [illegible] clever [illegible] movements. [illegible] lington once had a good chance, but passed instead of shooting, and gave the City backs time to recover. Next Kelso headed well out. Manchester forced two corners, and there was an exciting time in Fulham's goal, during which Skene was conspicuous with two really

BRILLIANT SAVES,

which the crowd did not forget to cheer. Fulham had a stroke of very bad luck. Harrison, after cleverly beating two opponents, whipped the ball across, and Mouncher with a lovely shot sent it into the net. The referee, however, whistled for off side, but it was a bad decision, for the ball struck a City defender in transit. Toward the interval Fulham played magnificently and Harrison shot at terrific pace, but Swinton made a wonderful save when a goal seemed certain. Just before the interval Threlfall beat Jackson and neatly passed to Harrison, who after being knocked off the ball recovered finely and with a lovely shot opened the scoring. It was a great goal well worked for and well deserved. The interval arrived just afterwards with Fulham leading. The opening stages of the second half saw Fulham pressing severely, and Smith was twice called upon, Morrison once sending in a terrible shot. The City players made

TWO DANGEROUS RUSHES,

but Lindsay on each occasion cleared his lines well. Playing with determination, however, they came again, and Blair, taking a chance shot, equalised, Skene letting the ball slip through his hands. For some time after this Fulham were outplayed, and the City twice came near scoring. Collins relieved the pressure, and Dalrymple fired in a great shot, which Smith could only turn over the bar. Harrison, also, was only inches wide with a good effort. Fulham fell off unaccountably, and their only good effort came from Morrison, who hit the side net in the closing stages. Both Conlin and Mouncher missed easy chances of winning the game for their respective sides, whilst a strong appeal for a penalty by Fulham was disregarded. The result was a draw, and Manchester City were lucky to escape so lightly. Final: Manchester City, 1; Fulham, 1.

The tie will be replayed at Fulham next Wednesday.

SOUTH-EASTERN LEAGUE.

Luton Res., 2; Watford Res., 0.
Queen's Park Res., 2; Sittingbourne, 0.
Crystal Palace Res., 4; Redhill, 1.
Chesham, 1; Chesham Generals, 0.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Goals. for	Goals. ag.	Pts.
Tottenham H.	25	18	3	4	78	26	40
Woolwich A.	21	16	3	2	56	20	34
Clapton Orient	25	15	8	2	55	34	32
Southend	25	14	7	4	52	38	32
Hastings	19	14	3	2	62	23	30
Chelsea	24	13	7	4	58	23	30
Q. P. Rangers	21	11	8	2	38	43	24
Fulham	23	10	9	4	53	41	24
West Ham	22	10	9	3	35	36	23
Luton	23	9	10	4	55	48	22
Sittingbourne	28	9	15	4	55	71	22
Croydon	22	7	8	7	35	43	21
Norwich	22	7	11	4	38	47	18
Leyton	23	6	13	4	30	62	16
T. W. Rangers	21	5	12	4	44	51	14
Maidstone	21	4	13	4	31	45	12
Watford	25	4	20	1	30	77	9
Hitchin	20	2	15	3	23	93	7

MIDLAND LEAGUE.

Mexborough, 3; Chesterfield, 2.
Doncaster, 3; Rotherham, 1.
Rotherham County, 2; Grantham, 0.
Sheffield Wednesday, 3; Leicester, 1.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Greenock Morton, 3; Third Lanark, 0. (Abandoned.)
Hamilton Academical, 1; Clyde, 1. (Abandoned.)
Airdrieonians, 3; Port Glasgow, 1.
Motherwell, 2; Glasgow Rangers, 2. (Abandoned.)
Partick Thistle v. Falkirk abandoned.

SCOTTISH CUP.—Third Round.

Aberdeen, 3; Queen's Park, 1.
Celtic, 3; Raith Rovers, 0.
Kilmarnock, 1; Hibernians, 0.
St. Mirren v. Heart of Midlothian was stopped eight minutes from time owing to the state of the ground. St. Mirren then led by 1 goal to 0.

CLUB MATCHES.

Maidstone United, 0; Maidstone Church Inst., 0.
Surbiton, 4; Surbiton Hill, 2.
Ealing Swifts, 3; Richmond Assn. Res., 1.
R.M.C. (Sandhurst), 1; Westminster School, 0.
Kenley, 5; R.M.A. (Woolwich), 4.
Condor, 3; Johnsbury, 0.
African Banks, 5; Mackenzie Wanderers, 1.
Condor (3rd), 3; Gipsy, 0.
Surbiton Park Res., 2; Old Wilsonians Res., 0.
Southern Suburban League, 2; Nunhead, 1.
Clapham, 4; Eton Mission, 2.
Clapham Rovers, 6; Old Felstedians, 1.
Hampstead (A), 3; Alleyn (A), 2.
Townley Park Res., 2; College Park Res., 0.
Kingston St. Luke's, 3; Streatham, 0.
Clapham Rovers, 4; Garfield Invicta, 2.
Alpine Invicta, 2; King and Queen, 1.
Dulwich Wood, 4; South London Corinthians, 1.
Kingsley Rovers, 1; Queen's Park Ath., 1.
Old Kenningtonians, 2; Oakleigh, 0.
Telephone House, 1; Salisbury House, 0.
Burnt Ash, 5; Old Colfeians, 1.
Westminster Gas Co., 6; Harlesden Gas Co., 0.
Connaught St. Mary's, 7; Gainsford Ath., 1.
Aylesbury United, 2; Page Green Old Boys, 1.
Slough Res., 4; Wycombe Trinity, 3.
Old Victorians, 3; St. Paul's, 2.
Shepherd's Bush United, 2; Summatics, 0.
Merton Abbey, 6; Crusader, 0.
East Ham, 3; Gloucester House, 1.
Old Hamptonians, 3; Surbiton Rangers, 0.
Kingston 2nd, 5; Hampton Hill, 3.
Manor Park Albion, 2; Brentford St. Thomas, 1.
Croydon Common Res., 2; Summerstown, 0.
Owerie Park, 3; Townley Park, 3.
Chertsey, 3; Kingston, 1.
Southfields, 1; Wallington, 0.
Northfleet, 1; Sheppey United, 0.
Tottenham Hotspur Res., 5; Woodford Albion, 0.
Cheshunt, 7; Old Wilsonians, 0.
Kingston Vols., 4; 1st and S.W.R. Accts., 1.
Ilford Volunteers, 4; Bow Argyle, 0.

ATHLETICS.

EMMANUEL COLLEGE SPORTS.

Emmanuel College sports were concluded at Cambridge in stormy weather. Results:—

Half-Mile.—C. Gimson, 2min 8 1-5sec.
Long Jump.—A. C. B. Bellerby, 21ft 2in, 1; C. H. Williams, 20ft 7in, 2.
Putting the Weight.—H. J. Bower, 30ft 6½in.
Two Miles.—S. Rayner, 1; H. C. B. Jones, 2. Won by 25yds. Time, 10min 49 1-5sec.
150 Yards Handicap.—C. H. Williams.
300 Yards Handicap (Boating Men).—S. H. Foot.

RUGBY.

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP.

DURHAM v. CUMBERLAND.

[illegible] took the place of [illegible] and T. Blackburn [illegible] Hartley and Hansen. A strong wind prevailed and prevented good football. The visitors were penalised and Adamson kicked a goal. At half-time Durham led by 3 points to 0. In the second half Cumberland had the wind behind them and were seen to better advantage. Durham were penalised, but Kirkwood failed to kick a goal, while later the same player missed with another shot. As there was no further score the game ended in a win for Durham by 1 penalty goal to 0, and by their victory become the winners of the Northern division.

CLUB MATCHES.

UNITED SERVICES v. NORTHAMPTON.

There was a very hard game at Portsmouth, the Services winning by a penalty goal and 2 tries to 2 tries (9 points to 6). The high wind favoured the Services in the first half, and Nelson and Lafage each gained a try, while [illegible] kicked a penalty goal from midfield. Northampton did better after change of ends, Burke and Nash getting tries, but the place kicks failed.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY v. MARLBOROUGH NOMADS.

The game between these teams was played at Cambridge in a gale of wind and was stopped five minutes before time owing to a deluge of rain. In the first half the Nomads had the wind behind them, and Kyrke gained a try for them. Soon afterwards McLeod scored for Cambridge, and Wright and Morton also gained tries, both of which were converted by McLeod. In the second half the Light Blues failed to add to their score, but won comfortably by two goals and a try to a try.

LONDON SCOTTISH v. LONDON IRISH.

Played at Richmond in very boisterous weather, the high wind interfering considerably with, and completely spoiling the game. The Scots were the superior side in all departments, and with the wind behind them, penned their opponents in the first half, during which Purves scored 4 tries, and Moir once, Purves converting twice. After the interval, each side scored an unconverted try, Boulton for the Scots, and Brewster for the Hibernians.

BEDFORD v. LONDON WELSH.

As the result of an interesting game at Bedford, the visitors won by 2 goals and 1 try to 0 (13 points to 0). During the first half the Welshmen were the stronger in defence, and Jones and Jenkins obtained tries, both of which Harding converted. Following change of ends Bedford often attacked but without success, and Coffach added an unconverted try for the London Welsh.

HARLEQUINS v. RICHMOND.

This match at Richmond was spoilt by the weather, for a boisterous wind blew across the ground and made it impossible to control the ball. It was largely a forward game, most of the play being wild and scrambling, and at no time was it interesting. The Richmond forwards worked hard, and put in a great deal of good work, but the Harlequins had a good deal in hand behind the scrum. The Harlequins won by 1 goal and 3 tries (14 points) to 0.

CATFORD BRIDGE v. ST. THOMAS'S HOSPITAL.

The ground was in a very slippery condition at Catford, and with a gale blowing the play, naturally, was affected. The game ruled chiefly with the forwards, but Catford played much better than their opponents and deservedly won by 1 goal 2 tries (11 points) to 1 try (3 points).

OLD ALLEYNIANS v. LENNOX.

At Dulwich. In the first half the Old Boys, though they had the wind in their favour, were unable to score. After 20 minutes, despite the strong wind, the Lennox forwards forced their way through, and MacLachlan crossed over. On the resumption the visitors, like the Alleynians, failed to make the most of their advantages, whilst the Old Boys attacked for some time, and after a quarter of an hour Gerratt ran over and Manvell made a fine attempt at goal. A series of rushes followed on the part of Lennox, but faulty passing by the backs spoilt many efforts, and the game ended in a draw of a try (three points) each.

BLACKHEATH v. OXFORD UNIV.

At Blackheath, Oxford had the service of seven blues, and Blackheath were well represented. The scoring was a goal, and a goal from a mark (8 points) to Oxford, and a goal and a try (8 points) to Blackheath. The game was quite spoiled bye the adverse conditions, for the ground was heavy, the ball wet and greasy, and a perfect gale of wind prevailed throughout.

OLD MERCHANT TAYLORS v. ROSSLYN PARK.

J. E. Raphael, who was seriously injured early in the season, turned out for the Taylors the Taylors, and played at full back. The Taylors had the advantage of the game all through. The forwards were well matched in the mere matter of strength,b but the Taylors were the cleverer and did excellent work with their feet. Cockell and Sherwin (2) scored unconverted tries, and the Taylors won by 3 tries to 0.

ROWING.

UNIVERSITY BOAT RACE.

CAMBRIDGE.

The Cambridge crew are now in strict training, and are under the supervision of Mr. Wauchope. Fairbairn is again rowing at 2 for Hornidge, while other important changes were made yesterday. Kitching came in at 4, Burn was shifted to 5, and Baynes, the heavy weight, stood down. The latter oarsman is not rowing quite up to last year's standard, but considerable surprise was created at the inclusion of Kitching. On three different afternoons of the week the crew pulled over nine miles, and accomplished heavy work. Yesterday afternoon their principal work consisted of a row from the railway bridge to Little Bridge, at an average rate of 28 strokes to the minute. A gale of wind prevailed, and caused much trouble. Order of rowing: F. H. Jerwood (bow), G. E. Fairbairn, O. A. Carver, H. E. Kitching, J. S. Burn, E. G. Williams, E. W. Powell, D. C. R. Stuart (stroke), R. Boyle (cox).

POLYTECHNIC R.C.

Owing to fouling last Saturday week the first two heats of the second round were re-rowed at Grove Park, Chiswick, the winners turning out to be F. W. Todd (12sec) and M. Posenheim (15sec). The final heat was put off till next Saturday.

ANGLIAN BOAT CLUB.

A sculling handicap with a turn took place yesterday between Kew and Mortlake, no less than 11 entering. The race was well contested in half a gale of wind, and of eight starters three finished as follows:—W. B. Briscome, 135sec, 1; F. W. Arines, 105sec, 2; A. W. Piggott, 135sec, 3.

BOXING.

The open competitions of the St. Pancras Boxing Club take place at the Prince of Wales-rd. Baths on Monday. Three competitions at 7st 12lb, 9st and 10st are on the programme, and there will be a six rounds contest between W. Webb and J. Jackson, two members of the club.

CROSS-COUNTRY.

SOUTHERN COUNTIES' CHAMPIONSHIP.

Highgate H. Score Again.

[illegible] Wembley park [illegible] Finchley H. [illegible] and Highgate H. The latter [illegible] at Imber Court [illegible] and were generally expected to retain their title in yesterday's contest, despite the improvement in other clubs' teams. The last previous occasion on which the Championship took place at Wembley park was in 1901, when A. Shrubb was first home, a position for which keen racing was expected from last year's winner, G. Pearce, J. E. Deakin, and W. H. Brooks, yesterday. The distance of the race was about ten miles.

The first man home was J. E. Deakin, of the Herne Hill Harriers, whose time was 62min 51 2-5sec. He was followed by T. Johnston, Highgate H., and then in order came A. E. Wood, Essex Beagles, G. Pearce, Highgate H., W. H. Brooks, Highgate H., and H. Pullinger, Brighton and County H. Highgate H. again won the championship. Their total points were 69, the Brighton and County H. secured second place with 158 points, the Herne Hill H. third with 189 points, and Polytechnic H. fourth with 191 points. The history of last year's race, as regards the club placing of the first four teams, which Highgate won as easily as on Saturday, is being practically repeated.

Johnston was leading half a mile from home, but Deakin had been worked up into second place. Sprinting grandly, the latter got by, and scored his maiden victory in the Southern Counties' Championship by nearly 40 yards. Order and times:—J. E. Deakin, Herne Hill H., 62min 51 2-5sec, 1; T. Johnston, Highgate H., 68min 59sec, 2; A. E. Wood, Essex Beagles, 69 min 26 2-5sec, 3; G. Pearce, Highgate H., 69min 58 2-5sec, 4; W. H. Brooks, Highgate H., 70min 26 4-5sec, 5; H. Pullinger, Brighton and County, 70min 38sec, 6; C. Guy Holdaway, Polytechnic H., 70min 44 2-5sec, 7; H. J. Gilbert, Herne Hill H., 71min 2sec, 8; H. Yardley, Southend H., 71min 19sec, 9; E. F. Judson, Blackheath H., 71min 25sec, 10; A. E. Woolien, Brighton and County, 71min 35, 11; F. C. Neaves, Surrey A.C., 71min 39sec, 12; F. Long, Reading A.C., 72min 47sec, 13; A. E. Watson, Essex B., 71min 50sec, 14; F. A. Riches, Essex B., 71min 50 1-5sec, 15; H. D. Montague, Surrey A.C., 71min 54sec, 16; J. A. Pearce, Highgate H., 72min, 17; G. Still, Highgate H., 72min 7sec, 18; C. S. Silsby, Hampstead H., 72min 11sec, 19; J. G. Cox, Brighton and Co. H., 72min 17sec, 20; A. W. Spalding, Cambridge H., 72min 19sec, 21; W. J. Thorogood, Southend H., 72min 20sec, 22; H. Lee, Highgate H., 72min 21sec, 23; F. Clayton, Surrey A.C., 72min 24sec, 24; F. Southon, Herne Hill H., 72min 26sec, 25; G. T. Law, Polytechnic H., 72min 27sec, 26; G. W. Fowles, Thames Valley H., 72min 31sec, 27; J. Keywood, Kent A.C., 72min 34sec, 28; J. Grevatt, Brighton and Co. H., 72min 36sec, 29; A. Williams, Kent A.C., 72min 39sec, 30; I. D. Drysdale, Essex B., 72min 44sec, 31; B. Barry, Herne Hill H., 72min 46sec, 32; W. E. Gurney, Polytechnic H., 72min 48sec, 33; C. Brown, Brighton and Co., 72min 51sec, 34; C. J. Harris, Highgate H., 73min, 35; W. W. Hawkes, Polytechnic H., 73min 1sec, 36; H. Harding, St. Bride's I. A.C., 73 1 1-5sec, 37; I. H. T. D. Smith, Brighton and Co. H., 73min 4sec, 38; F. Sloper, Reading A.C., 73min 12sec, 39; S. de C. Cockson, Polytechnic H., 73min 14sec, 40; H. D. Bowmaker, Queen's Park H., 73min 16sec, 41; H. E. J. Southwell, Blackheath H., 73min 16 1-5sec, 42; P. B. Thompson, Ranelagh H., 73min 11sec, 43; A. S. D. Smith, Brighton and Co. H., 73min 29sec, 44; H. S. Taplin, Finchley H., 73min 34sec, 45; E. Kearse, Reading A.C., 73min 36sec, 46; F. J. James, S. L. H., 73min 37sec, 47; J. T. Smith, Crawley A.C., 73min 39sec, 48; H. H. Cooke, Polytechnic H., 73min 44sec, 49; E. Gardiner, Brighton and Co. H., 73min 45sec, 50.

Club Placings.

1. Highgate H.—T. Johnston, 2; G. Pearce, 4; W. H. Brooks, [illegible]; J. A. Pearce, 17; G. Still, 18; H. Lee, [illegible]. Total, 69.
2. Brighton and County H.—H. S. Pullinger, 6; A. E. Woolien, 11; J. G. Cox, 20; J. Grevatt, 29; C. Brown, 34; I. H. T. D. Smith, 38. Total, 158.
3. Herne Hill H.—J. E. Deakin, 1; H. Gilbert, 8; F. Southon, 25; B. Barry, 32; G. H. Morris, 51; H. Viney, 72. Total, 189.
4. Polytechnic H.—C. G. Holdaway, [illegible]; G. T. Law, 26; W. E. Gurney, 33; W. W. Hawkes, 36; S. de C. Cockson, 40; H. H. Cooke, 49. Total, 191.
5. Essex Beagles.—A. E. Wood, 3; A. E. Watson, 14; F. A. Riches, 15; I. D. Drysdale, 31; W. J. Clark, 69; [illegible] Townsend, 75. Total, 207.
6. Surrey A.C.—12, 16, 24, 53, 63 [illegible]. Total, 289.
7. Reading A.C.—13, 39, 46, 79, 110 [illegible]. Total, 428.
8. St. Bride Institute A.C.—37, 56, [illegible], 89, 113. Total, 454.
9. Cambridge H., 21, 60, [illegible], 84, 126. Total, 479.
10. South London H.—47, 71, 82, 94, [illegible] 100. Total, 489.
11. Queen's Park H., 510; 12, Blackheath H., 526; 13, Slough H., 530; Ranelagh [illegible] 547; 14, Southend H., 568; 16, Hampstead H., 607; 17, Kent A.C., 624; 18, Thames Valley H., 773. Finchley H., Crawley A.C., United H., and Eastbourne [illegible] did not close in.

WALKING.

MIDDLESEX WALKING CLUB.

There were 13 entrants in the 15 miles walk yesterday from Ealing to Uxbridge and back, but only seven turned out. T. E. Hammond was on scratch, but did not start. The weather on the outward journey was terrific, wind, hail and rain beating in the face of the competitors, who were early on their way wet through and bespattered with mud. B. H. Warden and T. C. Habishaw, 10min 30sec start, were the first men to start, the latter, however, being disqualified before completing the journey. At the turn, at the Town Hall, Uxbridge, J. R. Barnes-Moss led, his time being [illegible] 30sec. W. Burton, the ultimate winner, being next, only 45sec behind. [illegible] caught Moss before reaching Southall, and won by nearly 5min. Placings: W. Burton, 8min 30sec start, 2hr 11min 25sec, 1; J. R. Barnes-Moss, 9min 30sec start, 2hr 16min 8sec, 2; B. H. Warden, 10min 30sec start, 2hr 19min 17sec, 3; M. Sampson, 4min 30sec start, 2hr 22min 27sec, 4; F. R. Leatherby, 6min [illegible] 2hr 26min 58sec, 5; G. Stuart, 7min [illegible] 2hr 29min 43sec, 6.

GARRATT WALKING CLUB.

In wet and boisterous weather [illegible] members of the Garratt Walking Club yesterday decided an 18 miles handicap from Summerstown to Coulsdon and back. The result was as follows:—W. Mitchell, 15min start, handicap time 2hr 34min 10sec, 1; J. T. Jull, 10min start, 2hr 36min 23sec, 2; J. Robert[illegible], 14min start, 2hr 36min 45sec, 3. Mitchell took the lead at Wallington and finished 300 yards in front of Jull. The roads were in a very heavy condition.

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